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TO: Superintendents and Treasurers of City, Local, Exempted Village School

Districts, and Educational Service Centers

FROM: Kim Murnieks, Executive Director, Center for School Options and Finance

RE: December 2008 Foundation Payment #1

DATE: December 2, 2008

This payment reflects the factors based on Am. Sub. H.B. 119.

Note: Students with Disabilities on the SF-3

The following is an excerpt from the November 24th EMIS Newsflash that we would like to bring to you attention as there is the potential for financial loss if this data is not reported accurately.

In order for a student with a disability condition to receive weighted funding on the SF-3, the student must have a valid IEP indicating services are being received as of December 1. This requirement is met by checking the Special Ed Event records at ODE from the prior yearend and current reporting period. If the proper IEP record is not found, a student will be included in the "other" category on the SF-3 instead of in the disability category funding total.

Due to issues with some software programs in properly reporting Special Ed Events to ODE, the current version of the SF-3 and the data set used for the December #1 payment do not include this check. In other words, all students with disabilities are being counted for categorical funding, even if the required Special Ed Event record has not been submitted. At some point in the near future, this check will be reinstated in EMIS, and districts that are missing significant numbers of IEP event records may see a loss of SF-3 special ed. weighted funding.

A. SF-3

- 1. October district ADM data that was submitted to EMIS as of 11/21/2008 was used in the payment. October ADM data will be used for February data in the calculations until such time that February data is available.
- 2. This payment included the current EdChoice ADM and deductions.
- 3. Open Enrollment and Other Adjustments calculations are based on data that was submitted to EMIS as of 11/21/2008.
- 4. Gifted Units were based on data that was submitted to EMIS as of 11/21/2008.
- 5. Community School ADM is based on FY 2008 data; the deductions are based on community school enrollment as of November 15th.

- 6. District CTE FTE used in the SF3 calculations is based on FY 2008 data.
- 7. Preschool units are based on FY 2008 EMIS data with the years of experience increased by 1 and units are funded at 99.968661% to stay within appropriation.

B. Statement of Settlement

1. This payment includes tuition payments for private treatment facilities (JV84) and excess cost payments (JV88).

C. ESC

- 1. The state per pupil amount of \$37.00/\$40.52 is calculated at 100% for pupils from locals, cities, exempted villages and community school pupils. Subsequently, a budget reduction of \$5,000,000 per executive order 2008-01S was applied reducing each ESC's annual amount by approximately 8.502036% of the calculated total.
- 2. Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.968661% to stay within appropriation.

D. MRDD

- 1. Preschool handicapped units were funded at 99.968661% to stay within appropriation.
- 2. Payments are based on FY 2008 data.

If there are any questions in regards to the adjustments or the statement of settlement, please contact this office or your area coordinator.