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TO: Superintendents and Treasurers of City, Local, Exempted Village School Districts and Education Service Centers

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RE: Fiscal Year 2013 Foundation Payment Calculation Distributed as February 2013 Payment #1

DATE: February 8, 2013

This payment reflects school districts' funding calculations based on provisions of Am. Sub. H.B.153 of the 129th General Assembly.

Foundation Payments are calculated twice a month for each school district according to provisions of Am. Sub. H.B.153. Calculations are reported on the **Bridge** foundation calculation form. The Bridge form for each payment that is posted on the ODE website is accompanied by worksheets that display detailed data and calculations that support the funding reported on the Bridge form. Reference manuals for the Bridge form and the Bridge worksheets are posted on the ODE website as well. The Bridge calculation is updated for each payment to reflect the changes that occur in the factors and data elements during the course of the fiscal year. For an explanation of the Bridge formula refer to the Bridge Formula Line-by-Line Calculation for FY 2013

Public School Districts

Bridge Calculation:

Funding calculation under the Bridge formula in FY 2013 requires two sets of calculation data factors. One for FY 2011 and another one for FY 2013. Accordingly the Bridge form is organized into 3 main sections reflecting relevant factors and calculations plus 3 additional sections reflecting all other adjustments. The form is organized as follows:

1. FY 2011 Calculation Factors including total funding amount, ADM and charge-off valuation factors.
2. FY 2013 Calculation Factors including ADM factors.
3. FY 2013 Bridge Formula Calculation including the calculated formula amount based on FY 2011 and FY 2013 calculation factors.
4. Additional Aid Items including funding amounts distributed outside of the Bridge funding formula.
5. Transfers and Adjustments including fund transfers to other educational entities such as community schools and funding adjustments for options such as open enrollment.
6. Disclosure Items including portions of the funding of individual school districts that should be allocated to special, career tech and gifted education.

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FY 2011 Calculation Factors

- FY 2011 total funding amount used in this calculation is extracted from the Final #2 FY 2011 PASS calculation. Please note that the SFSF portion of the total FY 2011 funding is based on the June #2 file (same as the January #2 payment).
- FY 2011 total ADM used in this calculation to generate the 'Recalculated Formula ADM' reflects the October data and comes from the FY 2011 Final #2 file reported through EMIS as of 02/18/2011. Note that this ADM is not the same ADM that was used in the calculation of the PASS funding in FY 2011 (same as the January #2 payment).
- FY 2011 charge-off property valuation per pupil is extracted from the Final #2 FY 2011 PASS calculation (same as the January #2 payment).
- FY 2011 statewide median charge-off valuation per pupil was updated based on updated FY 2011 ADM from Final #2 file (same as the January #2 payment).

FY 2013 Calculation Factors

- FY 2013 October ADM data was incorporated in funding calculation with the January #1 payment. Although this data will be subject to change during the remainder of the 'K' Reporting Period, major data improvements have been made since the January #1 and the January #2 payments (updated since the January #2 payment).
- The statewide per pupil adjustment amount on the basis of which the calculated funding is reduced to stay within the appropriations is $130.00. Although this factor the determination of which is a function of the funding ADM is subject to change as the funding ADM changes for now it is being kept constant. This factor is reflected on line "J" of the Bridge Form (same as the January #2 payment).
- Subsidy for high performing school districts which is based on $17 per student in the current year formula ADM (line I) is being calculated based on the academic rating of school districts in the FY 2011 Report Card. We have however removed the funding of districts that are no longer eligible to receive it based on the preliminary FY 2012 Report Card data to reduce the impact of negative adjustments that will need to be made on their future funding. Once the FY 2012 Report Car is finalized it will substitute the FY 2011 Report Card altogether. Under the provisions of the law districts that are identified as "Excellent with Distinction" or "Excellent" are the recipients of this subsidy. This payment appears on line "N" of the Bridge form (updated since the January #2 payment).

Additional Aid Items

- **Preschool Special Education** funding is based on FY 2013 data. The funding is paid at 100% of the calculated amount (updated since the January #2 payment).
- **Special Education Transportation** funding is calculated based on FY 2012 factors as reflected in the FY 2012 June #2 payment and paid at 74.18% of the calculated amount (same as the January #2 payment).

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Transfers and Adjustments

- **ESC Deduction** reflects a calculations based on FY 2013 data.
  - Supervisory allowance calculation is based on FY 2013 unit data.
  - Preschool allowance calculation is based on FY 2013 unit data.
  - Gifted allowance calculation is based on FY 2013 unit data.
  - The $6.50 per-pupil amount calculation is based on FY 2013 ADM data.
  - Special education extended service is based on FY 2013 data for preschool, gifted and supervisory units.
  - ORC Section 3313.845 contracts are based on FY 2013 data.

  We are in the process of updating the FY 2013 deductions with new contracts, memberships and various data (updated since the January #2 payment).
- **Open Enrollment** adjustment calculation is based on update FY 2013 EMIS October data (updated since the January #2 payment).
- **Community School** transfer is based on funding calculations for January 2013 utilizing live ADM data for all schools (same as the January #2 payment).
- **STEM School** transfer is based on funding calculations for January utilizing live ADM data (same as the January #2 payment).
- **Scholarship** transfer includes:
  - Educational Choice Scholarship (based on estimated FY 2013 data)
  - Jon Peterson Scholarship (based on estimated FY 2013 data)
  - Cleveland Scholarship
  - Autism Scholarship (based on estimated FY 2013 data)

  (updated since the January #2 payment).
- **Other Adjustments** amount is calculated based on FY 2013 parameters and October data including FY 2013 CTE FTE. Special education categories and weights utilized in this calculation are based on HB153 provisions. Note that Autism Scholarship is now included in the Scholarship transfer on line "V" of the Bridge form (updated since the January #2 payment).
- Please also note that a link at the bottom of the Bridge form will connect you to the ESC "Contracted Staff Report". A district's gifted allocation includes state gifted funding provided to an ESC in FY09 for which the district received services. HB153 requires that if your district has not maintained gifted services with your ESC, then you must spend out of the Bridge funding, an additional amount equal to the funding received by the ESC for staff providing those services. This link connects you to a spreadsheet that provides you with these amounts for reference if gifted services with your ESC have not been maintained.

Disclosure Items

- As the FY 2013 funding formula does not provide for any calculation for special, career tech and gifted education services, the law requires the Bridge report to show the respective funding amounts in FY 2011 (for special education and career tech) and FY 2009 (for gifted education) as minimum amounts in FY 2013 to be devoted to these purposes. Keep in mind that lines "Y" through "AA" of the report are part of the total state funding resources that appear on line "O" of the form and are not additional funding items.

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Statement of Settlement:

- Continuing with this payment, the statement of settlement contains a new blended approach to calculating payments and recoveries: a percentage based method is used for payments and the installment method used in calculating the bi-monthly payment amount in previous fiscal years is used for recovery of overpayments. We have posted a spreadsheet to assist school districts' personnel with the percentage based calculations used for the statement of settlement that can be accessed by clicking here.
- Adjustment for **FY 2012 Post Secondary** deduction which was initiated with the August #1 payment is reflected in this payment (JV09).
- This payment reflects the **FY 2012 Bridge Adjustments** for updating the FY 2012 June #2 Bridge payment file to Final #1 (JV01) and the Final #1 to the Final #2 (JV03).
- This payment reflects the fifteenth installment of the **FY 2012 Solvency Assistance Repayment** adjustment collected in FY 2013 (JV60).
- This payment reflects the **FY 2013 Solvency Assistance Repayment** adjustment collected in FY 2013 the collection of which was initiated with the August #1 payment (JV61).
- This payment includes the fifteenth installment in **Judgment Repayment** for FY 2013 (JV87).
- This payment reflects the **FY 2012 Insufficient Funds Repayment** (JV85).

Education Service Centers (ESC)

ESC funding comes from 2 sources:

1. State – This funding is distributed as follows:
    a. State per-pupil amount ($37 single-county and $40.52 multi-county) which is based on 85% of the corresponding FY 2012 total amount. This funding (85% of the FY 2012 amount) is distributed at 100% of the calculated amount to local, city and exempted village school districts as well as community schools.
    b. Preschool unit funding which is calculated based on FY 2013 units.
    c. Gifted unit funding which is calculated based on FY 2013 units.
    d. Special education transportation which is calculated based on FY 2012 factors.
2. Local – This funding is deducted from member school districts and is distributed as follows:
    a. Supervisory allowance calculation based on FY 2013 unit data.
    b. Preschool allowance calculation based on FY 2013 unit data.
    c. Gifted allowance calculation based on FY 2013 unit data.
    d. The $6.50 per-pupil amount calculation based on FY 2013 ADM data.
    e. Special education extended service based on FY 2013 data for preschool and gifted and supervisory units.

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f. ORC Section 3313.845 contracts are based on FY 2013 data.

Boards of Developmental Disabilities (BDD)

- The school age component of BDD funding in FY 2013 is based on a flat per-pupil amount from FY 2012 applied to FY 2013 ADM.
- Preschool handicapped unit funding of BDD is still calculated based on FY 2012 data.
- Special Education Transportation part of the funding is calculated based FY 2012 factors.
- Keep in mind that no deduction to the funding of regular school districts is made for BDDs. The entire BDD funding is paid by the state.

Additional Notes

- Please note that for each Bridge payment we have posted a corresponding Excel formatted file for those users who want to run funding data analysis. You can access the Excel files by navigating the following path: ODE Homepage → Finance → State Funding for Schools → District Payment Reports → FY 2013 Bridge Report Excel Format.
- We have posted information on allocation of TPP reimbursements that were distributed with the November #2 foundation payment, on ODE website which can be accessed by navigating the following path: ODE Homepage → Finance → State Funding for Schools → Information on the Phase-out and Loss Reimbursement of Tangible Personal Property Taxes (FY 2012 and FY2013).

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