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TO: Superintendents and Treasurers of City, Local, Exempted Village School Districts and Education Service Centers
FROM: Kim Murnieks, Executive Director, Center for School Options and Finance
RE: March 2009 Foundation Payment #1
DATE: March 3, 2009

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

SPECIAL NOTES:

1) This payment reflects EMIS withholding penalties for some districts. Payment withholdings have been implemented for districts that have not met data reporting requirements as of 2/6/09. The withholding will not be reflected on the statement of settlement, thus, if the check or EFT received by your district does not match the amount on the statement of settlement it is likely your district was subject to EMIS withholding. For posting purposes, each line of the statement of settlement should be reduced by the same percentage that the overall payment has been reduced due to withholding.

For more information regarding the status of your district's October data submission, please contact your EMIS coordinator. Information regarding the reporting requirements and penalties can be found on the ODE web site (please search for "EMIS Data Submission" and click on the link to "[October \(K\) Data Submission Requirements FY09](#)".)

2) In the FY2009 September #1 payment, although the payment amounts were correct, the inside debt levy payments were incorrectly reported with a JV90 (Fixed Rate Levy Reimbursement) description in the statement of settlement.

A. SF-3

1. October district ADM data that was submitted to EMIS as of 2/7/09 was used in this payment. October ADM data will be used as a proxy for February data in calculating the weighted average calculations until actual February data is available.
2. Calculations for Open Enrollment, Other Adjustments, Gifted Units and district CTE FTE were based on data submitted to EMIS as of 2/7/09. The reallocation of gifted units performed by the Office of Exceptional Children which occurred after the close of EMIS October period (K) reporting is also included which may mean that your funding may match an EMIS generated report of a later date than 2/7/09.
3. Preschool units are based on EMIS data submitted as of 2/7/09 and funded at 100%. A correction to an EMIS issue affecting itinerant teachers has also been included which may mean that your funding may match an EMIS generated report of a later date than 2/7/09.



B. Statement of Settlement

1. EMIS withholding has been implemented for a few districts in this payment that did not meet EMIS reporting deadline of 2/6/09. Please see the special note above.
2. Eligible districts received the second half of their FY09 public utility deregulation fixed rate levy loss reimbursement with this payment. (JV90) For information on how to allocate this reimbursement among funds go to http://tax.ohio.gov/channels/other/documents/FY_09_sd_direct_reimb.xls It will be allocated the same as your August payment.
3. Eligible districts received half of their FY09 public utility deregulation fixed sum levy loss reimbursement with this payment. (JV91)
4. Districts no longer eligible for the regular fixed rate public utility reimbursements but have inside debt levies were reimbursed for the loss on these in this payment (JV95). See special note 2 above.

C. ESC

1. EMIS withholding has been implemented for a few ESCs in this payment. Please see the special note 1 above.
2. State per pupil amount of \$37.00 (\$40.52 for multi-county ESCs) was calculated at 100% for locals, cities, exempted villages, and community schools. Subsequently, a budget reduction of \$5,000,000 per executive order 2008-01S was applied reducing each ESC's annual amount by 9.195424% of the calculated total.
3. Preschool units were based on FY09 EMIS data submitted as of 2/7/09 and funded at 100%. A correction to an EMIS issue affecting itinerant teachers has also been included which may mean that your funding may match an EMIS generated report of a later date than 2/7/09.
4. The reallocation of gifted units performed by the Office of Exceptional Children which occurred after the close of EMIS October period (K) reporting is also included which may mean that your funding may match an EMIS generated report of a later date than 2/7/09.

D. MRDD

1. Preschool units were paid at 100% in this payment based on data submitted to the Office of Early Learning and School Readiness.
2. The school age payment is based on FY2009 ADM data submitted in the fall of 2008 to the Office of Exceptional Children and paid at 100%.

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