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

FROM: Daria Shams, Center for Quality School Choice and Finance

RE: Fiscal Year 2014 Foundation Payment Calculation Distributed as July 2013 Payment #2

DATE: July 26, 2013

Am. Sub. H. B. 59 provisions govern the funding calculations in FY 2014. Calculations in this payment however are not based on this legislation. Due to the limited timeframe since the finalization of the budget bill and the scheduled payment dates, we have not been able to formulate the payments based on provisions of the new law. We are calculating the FY 2014 foundation funding based on provisions of Am. Sub. H. B. 153 using all the calculation factors and parameters from FY 2013 for the first few payments of the year until the new funding formula is formulated and installed in our system. Once the transition takes place, funding calculations will be adjusted for any under/over-payments in the initial payments.

Foundation Payments are calculated twice a month according to provisions of Am. Sub. H.B.153 until the new funding calculation is formulated and installed.

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 2014. 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 2014 Calculation Factors including ADM factors.
3. FY 2014 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 July #1 payment).
- FY 2011 total ADM used in this calculation to generate the 'Recalculated Formula ADM' reflects the October data that 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 July #1 payment).
- FY 2011 charge-off property valuation per pupil is extracted from the Final #2 FY 2011 PASS calculation (same as the July #1 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 June #1 payment).

FY 2014 Calculation Factors

- The ADM data incorporated in the funding calculation is the FY 2013 final October count data (same as the July #1 payment).
- The statewide per pupil adjustment amount on the basis of which the calculated funding is reduced to stay within the appropriations is $100.00. This factor is reflected on line "J" of the Bridge Form (same as the July #1 payment).
- District adjustment amount is the total negative adjustment to funding.

FY2014 Bridge Formula Calculations

- Preliminary resources gives calculated funding after the line "K" adjustment.
- Supplemental guarantee guarantees districts their FY 2011 funding less SFSF.
- Subsidy for high performing school districts which is based on $17 per student in the current year formula ADM (line I) is calculated based on FY 2012 Report Card data. 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.
- State resources for Bridge (line "O") gives the calculated funding amount.

Additional Aid Items

- **Preschool Special Education** funding is based on FY 2013 data. The funding in this payment is paid at 100% of the calculated amount (same as the July #1 payment).
- **Special Education Transportation** funding is calculated based on FY 2012 factors with FY 2012 final adjustments to finalize the numbers. The payment to districts is being made at 73.29% of the calculated amount to stay within the appropriations (same as the July #1 payment).

Transfers and Adjustments

- **ESC Deduction** reflects 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.

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  - ORC Section 3313.845 contracts are based on FY 2014 data. Contract information is being updated.(updated since the July #1 payment).

Open Enrollment adjustment calculation is based on updated FY 2013 EMIS yearend data (updated since the July #1 payment).

- **Community School** transfer is based on funding calculations for June 2013. A number of community schools have stopped operation in FY14 (updated since the July #1 payment).
- **STEM School** transfer is based on funding calculations for June 2013 (same as the July #1 payment).
- **Scholarship** transfer includes:
  - Education Choice Scholarship - based on updated FY 2013 data
  - Jon Peterson Scholarship - based on updated FY 2013 data
  - Cleveland Scholarship
  - Autism Scholarship - based on updated FY 2013 data (same as the July #1 payment).
- **Other Adjustments** amount is calculated based on FY 2013 parameters and October data (same as the July #1 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.

Statement of Settlement:

- Continuing with this payment, the statement of settlement contains the 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.
- This payment reflects the second installment in the **FY 2014 Solvency Assistance Repayment** adjustment (JV60).

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- This payment reflects the second installment in the **FY 2013 Solvency Assistance Repayment** adjustment collected in FY 2014 (JV61).
- This payment reflects the second installment in **Judgment Repayment** adjustment (JV87).
- This payment reflects the **SB 140 SF14 Tuition** adjustment (JV50 and JV51).
- This payment reflects the **SF14 Per Diem** adjustment (JV62 and JV63).
- This payment reflects the **SF14H Special Education Tuition** adjustment (JV52 and JV53).

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.
    b. Preschool unit funding which is calculated based on FY 2013 units is paid at 100% of the calculated amount.
    c. Gifted unit funding which is calculated based on FY 2013 units. Am. Sub. H. B. 59 reduces the FY 2014 appropriations for ESC gifted units and as a result the payment had to be reduced to 52% of the calculated amount to stay within the appropriations.
    d. Special education transportation which is calculated based on adjusted 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. The $6.50 per-pupil amount calculation based on FY 2013 ADM data.
    c. Special education extended service based on FY 2013 data for preschool and gifted and supervisory units.
    d. ORC Section 3313.845 contracts are based on FY 2014 data however ODE has not yet received complete information on all contracts for FY 2014.

Boards of Developmental Disabilities (BDD)

- The school age component of BDD funding based on FY 2013 data and calculation.
- Preschool handicapped unit funding of BDD is calculated based on FY 2013 data and is paid at 100% of the calculated amount.
- Special Education Transportation part of the ESC funding is also from FY 2013.

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