



TO: Community School Administrators

FROM: Office of Budget and School Funding

RE: Fiscal Year 2021 March Foundation Payment

DATE: March 8, 2021

This is the ninth payment of FY2021 and uses formula and factors based on the implemented provisions of **Am. Sub. H.B. 166** (the FY2019-2020 budget bill). The March payment is based on **FY2021** EMIS data as of February 23, 2021.

General Information on the Foundation Payment Report

Foundation payments for community schools are calculated once a month. This letter, generated with each foundation payment, provides specific details about updates to payments, including deductions, adjustments, and transfers. We strongly encourage you to read this letter as it answers many of your questions regarding your foundation payment and provides links to all the payment reports.

FY2021 PAYMENT DATES

Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10th business day of each month. The scheduled payment dates for FY2021 are as follows:

July 14, 2020	January 14, 2021
August 14, 2020	February 12, 2021
September 14, 2020	March 12, 2021
October 14, 2020	April 14, 2021
November 13, 2020	May 14, 2021
December 14, 2020	June 14, 2021

COMMUNITY SCHOOL PAYMENT REPORT AND DATA

The March detail payment report is a comprehensive tool designed to walk the user through every step of the funding formula and shows the payment calculations. This report is commonly known as the School Finance Payment Report (SFPR).

STATEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

The statement of settlement is the document that shows the distribution of funds calculated on the SFPR as well as other adjustments that are outside of the SFPR, in installments over the course of the fiscal year. It reflects the FY2021 SFPR components plus all the adjustments and transfers for FY2021 that are applied to the community schools' funding.

INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE MARCH PAYMENT

- On January 22nd, Governor DeWine signed an executive order that formalized the budget reductions for FY2021. The reductions to the Department of Education are not as significant as the cuts in FY20. The Governor's action releases \$152 million in funding back to traditional school districts. This lowers the reduction to the state foundation funding formula from \$277.2 million (\$300.5 million in the Governor's FY2020 Executive Ordered Budget Reductions less the \$23.3 million in offset payment under section 19 of HB 164) to \$125.2 million. As a result, the Opportunity Grant PPA for community schools was increased to \$5,979.92 with the February payment and going forward. This was an increase of \$48.68 from the prior months of FY2021.
- The FY2021 March payment included the first payment for participants of the HB 123 pilot program. This pilot program provides extra funding for participating Eschools that are classified as dropout prevention and recovery Eschools. Participating Eschools will see a JV97 adjustment on their statement of settlement that equates to approximately 1/5 of the annualized amount that these schools are slated to receive based on the current data in EMIS. These payments will continue for the rest of the fiscal year, and the last payment will be made to coincide with FY2021 Final #2.
- Student wellness and success funding is a funding component under 'additional aid items' on-line N that was first introduced in FY2020. The October payment included the first installment of the student wellness and success funding for FY2021. The second installment for FY2021 was included with the February payment. Prior to the calculation of the second installment of this fund, the legislature passed Am. Sub. S.B. 310, which directed the Department in consultation with the Office of Budget and Management to utilize the entire FY2021 appropriation for this fund. The February distribution includes a new guarantee mechanism. Every community school will receive at least 131% of their FY2020 Student Wellness and Success Fund payment in FY2021. While many community schools already received increases in FY2021 that exceeded FY2020 amounts, this growth guarantee addresses the impact of updated census poverty data had on some school's payments compared to budget estimates.
- Updated **FY2021** enrollment data provided as of February 23, 2021 through the EMIS data collector and SOES are used for the following funding categories:
 - Opportunity Grant
 - Targeted Assistance
 - Special Education
 - Limited English Proficiency
 - Economically Disadvantaged
 - K-3 Literacy
- Career tech funding is based on the FY2021 CTA course data entered in the EMIS.
- The targeted assistance per-pupil amount and economically disadvantaged index reflects the resident district's most recent FY2019 data.
- Transportation payments are paid based on actual ridership data submitted through EMIS in FY2021 for community schools that provide direct transportation to their students. An update to the FY2021 transportation data was included with the March payment.

- FY17 Final #1 deductions that were spread over the course of one or more fiscal years (for some schools) will continue to impact settlement reports.
- FY19 Final #1 deductions that were spread over the course of one or more fiscal years (for some schools) will impact settlement reports.
- FY19 Final #2 deductions that were spread over the course of one or more fiscal years (for some schools) will impact settlement reports.
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- School facilities funding is included on line J. This is calculated at \$250 per FTE for each brick and mortar community school, and \$25 per FTE for each e-school. The overall cap on facilities funding for community schools is currently \$20,600,000.00. The amount of FTE's in the calculation causes the state to exceed that capped amount. As a result, the school facilities funding amount was calculated using a proration percentage of 94.57546024%.

The adjustments below are made on the FY2021 March payment and are known as Journal Voucher Codes. For a complete list and description of JV codes, click [here](#).

- FY18 Community School Final #1 (JV27)
- FY19 Community School Final #1 (JV28)
- FY19 Community School Final #2 (JV29)
- FY20 Community School Final #1 (JV31)
- FY17 Community School Final #1 (JV39)
- FY15 Final #4 Adjustment (JV42)
- Community School FTE Review Adjustment (JV71)
- College Credit Plus prior year adjustment (JV91)
- ODE sponsorship deductions (JV93)
- FY21 HB 123 Pilot Program Payments (JV97)
- STRS and SERS retirement adjustments are based on information from these sources for the month of March.