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TO: Community School Administrators

FROM: The Office of Quality School Choice and Funding – Policy & Payments

SUBJECT: October Community School Payment

DATE: October 15, 2013

The initial community school payments for FY2014 were based on FY2013 data, formula and factors. We have switched this payment to using the new formula adopted by Am. Sub. H. B. 59, the FY2014-15 budget bill.

Payments to community schools are made no later than the 10th business day of each month. The tenth business days for fiscal year 2014 are as follows:

July 15, 2013January 15, 2014August 14, 2013February 13, 2014September 16, 2013March 13, 2014October 15, 2013April 14, 2014November 14, 2013May 14, 2014December 12, 2013June 12, 2014

Community School Payment Report

The October foundation payment is calculated using the new FY2014 formulas, using reported FY2014 data for all enrollment data and FY2013 data for career-technical education, transportation, and resident district index values for targeted assistance and economically disadvantaged aid, until FY2014 data becomes available.

However, the updated "School Finance Payment Report" (SFPR) which replaces the Bridge Report, is not yet available this month. As a consequence, the payment report continues to use the FY2013 format and reflect all FY2013 data, but the statement of settlement contains an adjustment to bring the payment amount to the updated FY2014 calculation and enrollment. The adjustment shows up as a "JV44" code labeled "JV Foundation Phase In" at the bottom of the statement of settlement. The JV44 adjustment represents a fraction of the difference between the annual amount calculated using the new FY2014 formula and the annual amount calculated using the FY13 formula (or \$5,000 per pupil for half of estimated ADM for new schools) by which school have been paid year-to-date. To adjust for how many payments have already occurred in this fiscal year, if the difference is positive, the JV44 adjustment is one-third of that amount; if the difference is negative, the JV44 adjustment is one-ninth of that amount.

A spreadsheet available <u>HERE</u> shows the details of the calculation of the JV44 code for each community school.

The net payment, including the JV44 adjustment, is based on the following data:

- Career tech funding is based on the CTA course data entered in the FY2013 October EMIS records and the matching FY2013 career tech data entered in the SOES system.
- Opportunity Grant, Target Assistance, Special Education, Limited English
 Proficiency, Economically Disadvantaged, and K-3 Literacy funding are all based
 on enrollment data provided in September through SOES.
- However, the targeted assistance per pupil amount and economically disadvantaged index that are applied based on each student's resident district, are calculated based on the resident district's FY2013 data.

Community School Foundation Statement of Settlement Report

- Final 1 adjustments for FY2012 are still being recovered (JV38 & JV40).
- SERS and STRS: If you have questions or believe the annual amount to be incorrect, please contact the appropriate retirement system.