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**TO:** Community School Administrators

FROM: The Office of School Finance – Policy & Payments

**SUBJECT:** November Community School Payment

DATE: November 14, 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 November foundation payment is calculated using the new FY2014 formulas, using reported FY2014 data for all enrollment data. However, the calculations use FY2013 data for career-technical education, transportation, and resident district per-pupil amount for targeted assistance and economically disadvantaged aid, as FY2014 data in these areas are not yet available.

Newly available for the November payment is an **interim** "School Finance Payment Report" (SFPR), which replaces the Bridge Report. The formatting of the interim report is very similar to the FY13 Bridge Report, but the data fields and the formulas have been updated to show the FY2014 payment calculations per the FY2014-15 budget bill, Am. Sub. H.B. 59. ODE is working on an improved SFPR that will replace the interim SFPR — the calculations will be the same, but the formatting will be easier to follow.

On the November Statement of Settlement you will see a "JV44 Foundation Phase-In Adjustment". The November amount is the equal and opposite amount of the October JV44 amount. For instance, if a community school's October statement of settlement had a JV44 amount of -\$12,601, the November statement will have a JV44 amount of +\$12,601. Since the interim SFPR is now calculating the payments with the new formula, the adjustment is no longer needed, and so it is reversed.

For more information on the JV44 adjustment, refer to the October payment letter.

The November payment 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, Targeted Assistance, Special Education, Limited English Proficiency, Economically Disadvantaged, and K-3 Literacy funding are all based on the enrollment data provided in October through SOES.
- However, the targeted assistance per-pupil amount and economically disadvantaged index that are applied based on the 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.