STATE SCHOOL AID UPDATE

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STATE SCHOOL AID DATA UPDATED FOR JUNE

The June state school aid payment is the 9th regular payment of the year and reflects 81.81% of the year's allocation for Sections 22a, 51c, and 22b, as well as for most categoricals. Prior year adjustments are made at 100% in a single payment. The payment will post at the districts' banks on Monday, June 21, 2021.

TAXABLE VALUE figures used to calculate the June payment represent the tax year 2020 values provided by county treasurers via the web-based taxable valuation collection process. Any revisions to taxable values received prior to June 2, 2021 were incorporated into the payment calculation.

The <u>MEMBERSHIP BLEND</u> used to calculate the June payment incorporated all Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) pupil (FTE) counts released to the Department as of June 7, 2021, the date the Department downloaded the pupil counts from the Center for Educational Performance and Information.

UPDATED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING GUIDANCE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

<u>Financial Accounting Guidance During the COVID-19 Pandemic</u> was recently updated with new information on the proper accounting and other guidance related to ESSER II Discretionary funds and additional State categoricals. As districts end the 2020-21 fiscal year, please ensure grant funds received in advance (11r(4), Coronavirus Relief Funds (CRF), etc.) are recorded as Unearned Revenue if eligible expenditures will not be incurred by June 30, 2021.

This publication will continue to be updated frequently as MDE receives additional questions from districts and information regarding state and federal financial reporting requirements. Questions regarding this item may be directed to Christopher May at 517-335-1263 or MayC@michigan.gov.

<u>SECTION 23C(4A-B) TEACHER AND SUPPORT STAFF PAY - ORS GUIDANCE FOR COMPENSATION REPORTING</u>

Section 23c of the State School Aid Act of 1979 allows for school districts and intermediate school districts, that meet certain eligibility requirements, to receive federal funding if they are providing a summer program or credit recovery program as part of COVID-19 remediation services under section 23b of this Act. As part of the requirements, the district or intermediate district is to provide an additional payment to eligible teachers and support staff.

Office of Retirement Service (ORS) guidance for compensation reporting:

If an employee is working over the summer and earning regular wages for that work, this additional payment should not be considered reportable compensation on the DTL2, but it should be reported on the DTL4.

Questions regarding Section 23c may be directed to MDE-CARES@michigan.gov. Questions regarding compensation reporting may be directed to ORS' Employer Reporting Division at ORS Web Reporting@michigan.gov or 1-800-381-5111.

INDIRECT COST RATES

Adjustments to local and intermediate school district Indirect Cost Rates were due to the Department by June 1, 2021. Final rates will be available on the Department's <u>indirect cost rates webpage</u> on June 21, 2021. Questions related to the indirect cost rate calculations should be directed to Jessica Beagle, State Aid and School Finance, at <u>BeagleJ1@michigan.gov</u>.

DAYS AND CLOCK HOURS REPORTING

Deadlines: The district deadline for submitting the Days and Clock Hours of Instruction Report for the 2020-21 school year is July 15, 2021. Intermediate districts will have until August 1, 2021 to certify the district data for submission to the Department as required under Section 101(3) of the State School Aid Act. Districts are encouraged to submit their days and clock hours report to the ISD early where possible to allow for adequate time to review and correct issues with the submission.

Reporting: The days and hours reporting has been integrated into the Educational Entity Master (EEM) and is accessible through the "Days and Clock Hours" application link in the left navigation. After clicking on the link, users will select "Data Submission" to start their report for the year.

Note: The "Days and Clock Hours" application requires specialized credentials to access the system. If the "Days and Clock Hours" application link does not appear in the left navigation after logging into the EEM, please contact CEPI for assistance in gaining access to the application. Questions regarding the Days/Clock Hours application should be directed to CEPI Support at CEPI@Michigan.gov.

SECTION 31A ANNUAL PROGRAM AND FISCAL REPORT DUE JULY 15, 2021

Local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving Section 31a At Risk funds are required to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 Section 31a Annual Program and Fiscal Report (APFR) in NexSys by **July 15, 2021**.

The APFR will be completed in NexSys. At this time, the NexSys APFR is not yet available. A notice will be posted on the <u>Section 31a website</u> when the report is available in the system. Technical assistance videos and documents including overviews of the report in NexSys are available now on the website.

Please direct questions regarding the Section 31a APFR as follows:

Program and reporting requirements to the Office of Educational Supports (OES) Special Populations Unit at 517-241-6974:

- Michelle Williams, Manager, williamsm48@michigan.gov
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NexSys Section 31a APFR may be directed to the OES Financial Unit at 517-241-5388.

CARRYOVER OF EARLY LITERACY GRANT FUNDS

Districts or Intermediate School Districts that have received Section 35a Early Literacy Grant Funds for Additional Instructional Time, or ISD Early Literacy Coaches and are unable to expend the funds by September 30, 2021 are eligible to carryover those funds until September 30, 2022. Grant awardees must provide notification to MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov no later than **October 31, 2021** if they intend to carryover unexpended funds. For more information regarding carryover of Section 35a early literacy funds, please refer to the memo that was sent out on March 28, 2019.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL DISTRICT FINANCIAL REPORTING REMINDERS

Intermediate School Districts (ISDs) are required to post certain information on their website to comply with Budget Transparency legislation in Section 18 of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1618). Specifically, ISDs are required to post information found in Subsections 2a, 2bi, and 2c.

In addition to the above, ISDs must also post an Annual Website Report on their website (MCL 380.620). This report must be posted by December 31 of each year and include data from the most recently completed fiscal year. For statewide consistency, the Department recommends providing a link to the Annual Website Report at the bottom of your Budget Transparency web page.

Questions related to Budget Transparency and the Annual Website Report may be directed to Chad Urchike at <u>UrchikeC1@Michigan.gov</u>.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Proration factors**: Section 31a At-Risk funding per pupil proration is 78.59350004%.
- The Section 22d(4) Isolated District funds are being paid at \$52.3388890729 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collection funds are being paid at \$25.9826429340 per pupil.

*Do you have questions about the information appearing in this UPDATE? Call the consultants identified above or **Phil Boone**, **Assistant Director, Office of Financial Management, MDE,** cell phone: **517-899-0796,** fax: **517-241-0196,** e-mail: BooneP2@Michigan.gov