

STATE SCHOOL AID DATA UPDATED FOR APRIL

The April state school aid payment is the 7th regular payment of the year and reflects 63.63% 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 Thursday, April 20, 2017. The **Pupil membership blends** have been updated with the audited counts reported to CEPI as of March 27, 2017. Tax year 2015 millage rates have been used until now as estimates, but the April 2017 payment database has been updated with actual tax year 2016 millage rates.

INDIRECT COSTS

Current indirect cost rate information is available [here](http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6605-118785--,00.html) (http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-6530_6605-118785--,00.html). The new rate information includes Special Education rates for 2016-2017 and preliminary rate information for 2017-2018. Form R0418A, *Costs for the Development of 2017-2018 Federal Indirect Cost Rates* details the cost data used to calculate preliminary indirect cost rates. Form R0418, *Carry Forward Calculation for 2017-2018 Federal Indirect Cost Rates* shows the results of the preliminary calculation. Form DS-4513 allows the district to edit preliminary cost information to reflect more accurate indirect cost rates. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Jessica Beagle at 517-241-6435 or BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov.

MAY 2017 MSBO CONFERENCE

Office of State Aid and School Finance staff will be attending and presenting at the annual MSBO conference in Grand Rapids at various times May 2, 2017 through May 4, 2017. We will also have staff members available at a booth during the vendor show. We look forward to seeing you there. Feel free to catch up to us with any questions or concerns.

BUDGET TRANSPARENCY

March 1 was the deadline for updating Employee Compensation Information. Please ensure this section on your Budget Transparency page has been updated with calendar year 2016 data. The superintendent's compensation information must be disclosed, regardless of salary amount. In addition to the superintendent, all district employees whose salary exceeds \$100,000 must also be disclosed.

We are starting to update the Budget Transparency guidance for 2017-18. At this point, most updates relate to ADA compliance issues many districts are facing. If you have ideas or suggestions on how this Budget Transparency guidance may be improved, please let us know. Questions and suggestions related to Budget Transparency may be directed to Chad Urchike at UrchikeC1@michigan.gov or 517-335-1261. We will also be available at the MSBO Annual Conference next month.

ASSESSMENT WINDOWS AND INSTRUCTIONAL TIME

A number of districts have contacted the Department for advice on how to best meet the instructional day requirement while providing an environment conducive to testing. In short, grades that are not scheduled for instruction due to the state assessment window must still be provided with 180 days of instruction to avoid a state aid deduction. The following document explains the requirements in more detail, and provides a number of options for district consideration when planning their instructional calendar: [Instructional Time Requirements and the State Assessment Window](#).

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The proration factor for Section 31a-At Risk funding is \$186.7679473987 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collection funds are paid at a rate of \$25.2698879964 per pupil.
- The Section 22d(4) Isolated District funds are paid at a rate of \$44.7859939163 per pupil.

*Do you have questions about the information appearing in this UPDATE? Call the consultants identified above or **Phil Boone, Director, State Aid and School Finance, MDE**, phone: **517-335-4059**, fax: **517-241-0196**, e-mail: BooneP2@Michigan.gov.