

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL OF YOU**

Superintendent Brian Whiston and the Office of State Aid and School Finance staff (Jeff, Brian, John, Chris, Chad, Jessica, Carri, and Phil) wish each of you a Happy Holiday Season! Also, we wish you the best for the upcoming New Year. As always, we encourage you to feel free to contact us with questions or concerns that we may be able to help with. In addition, we would like to thank you for the support and encouragement that you express to us when we talk on the phone or meet occasionally in person at meetings and other functions.

**JANUARY 11, 2018 REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE**

A revenue estimating conference will be held on January 11, 2018 to update revenue projections for fiscal year (FY) 2018 and FY 2019, and to make initial projections for FY 2020. The results of that conference will be reported in the January UPDATE, and will have an effect on school aid for those years. For detailed information on the January revenue estimating conference, go to the [House of Representative Fiscal Agency website](http://www.house.michigan.gov/hfa) or [Senate Fiscal Agency website](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa) following the conference by visiting the following links: <http://www.house.michigan.gov/hfa> or <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/sfa>.

**DECEMBER PAYMENT INFORMATION**

The December state school aid payment is the third regular payment of the 2018 fiscal year. The payment will be electronically transferred to the districts' accounts on Wednesday, December 20, 2017.

**Pupil membership** – October 2017 unaudited pupil count data reported to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) via the Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) were used in the calculation of the blended membership count for the December payment.

**Updated categoricals** - The following categoricals were updated in the December payment although the updates may not have affected the allocation amounts for all districts. If the allocation amount for your district has changed and you have questions concerning that change, contact the consultants identified below:

- Early Literacy Grants - Section 35a  
(Linda Forward – Office of Educator Talent & Policy Coordination, 517-373-8480, [ForwardL@Michigan.gov](mailto:ForwardL@Michigan.gov))
- Renaissance Zones - Section 26a  
(Howard Heideman – Treasury, Revenue and Tax Analysis, 517-373-9002, [HeidemanH@Michigan.gov](mailto:HeidemanH@Michigan.gov))
- Bilingual Education  
(Shereen Tabrizi – Office of Field Services, 517-373-8897, [TabriziS@michigan.gov](mailto:TabriziS@michigan.gov))

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION DATABASE (FID) CORRECTIONS**

Analysis of the FY 2017 Financial Information Database (FID) has been completed by the Office of State Aid and School Finance. We would like to thank districts that responded to targeted communications regarding their data and for making any necessary corrections for data quality and audit consistency. Several program offices will continue reviews of financial data pertaining to various programs, and contact districts if clarifications are

needed. The FID system is now closed for corrections, but districts may still review data and generate reports within the system. Questions regarding this item and the Financial Information Database should be directed to Christopher May at 517-335-1263 or [MayC@michigan.gov](mailto:MayC@michigan.gov).

### **BUDGET TRANSPARENCY REMINDER**

On December 1, we began reviewing budget transparency websites for compliance. As a reminder, Section 18 of the State School Aid Act includes penalty language for non-compliance. Districts have 30 days from the date of our correspondence to make the necessary updates. If compliance is not met after 30 days, state school aid will be withheld from your next payment.

Budget transparency guidance may be found on our [website](#). It contains information on all of the required data elements, the prescribed form and manner, and examples of the required transparency reports. Please direct any budget transparency questions to Chad Urchike at [UrchikeC1@Michigan.gov](mailto:UrchikeC1@Michigan.gov) or 517-335-1261.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- The proration factor for the Section 31a - At Risk funds is 88.25765687%.
- The Section 22d(4) funds are paid at \$45.7495481854 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collection funds are paid at \$25.3861957830 per pupil.

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\*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](mailto:BooneP2@Michigan.gov)