STATE SCHOOL AID UPDATE

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STATE SCHOOL AID DATA UPDATED FOR JULY

The July state school aid payment is the 10th regular payment of the year and reflects 90.9% 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 district's banks on Friday, July 20, 2018.

<u>Taxable value</u> figures used to calculate the July payment represent the tax year 2017 values provided by county treasurers via the web-based taxable valuation collection process. Revisions to taxable values received prior to June 25, 2018 were incorporated into the payment calculation.

The <u>membership blend</u> used to calculate the July payment incorporated all Michigan Student Data System (MSDS) pupil (FTE) counts released to the Department as of June 25, 2017.

STATE AID WAIVER REQUESTS

The Department has transitioned to accepting applications for waivers through online forms only. These online forms must be used to ensure that the request is received and can be considered for approval. Paper requests will no longer be accepted. Please share this information with appropriate staff in your district:

<u>Common Calendar Waiver</u> – Used to deviate from the spring/winter break provided in the ISD's common calendar.

<u>Labor Day Waiver</u> – Allows a district to provide instruction prior to Labor Day.

Alternative Count Day Waiver – Allows a district to have an alternate count date.

<u>Schools of Choice Waiver</u> – Allows a district to extend the application/enrollment windows for schools of choice.

Questions related to the above waivers should be directed to Brian Ciloski, State Aid and School Finance, 517-241-2209, or <u>CiloskiB@Michigan.gov</u>.

<u>Additional Forgiven Days Waiver</u> – Allows a district to request up to three additional days of forgiven time.

<u>Travel Time Waiver</u> – Allows a district to count additional travel time for certain programs.

Questions related to the above waivers should be directed to Jessica Beagle, State Aid and School Finance, 517-241-6435, or BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov.

SECTION 23A MEMBERSHIP AND SECTION 25G CATEGORICAL ADJUSTMENTS

Pursuant to language in Section 6(4)(dd) of the State School Aid Act, pupils in Section 23a Dropout Recovery programs can generate more than a 1.0 FTE, in certain instances, not to exceed 1.25 FTE. That portion of the FTE above 1.0 is to be paid out of categorical funding in Section 25g. If the FTE exceeds 1.25 for a pupil, the district's FTE will be adjusted in the amount of the overage. The August status report will reflect the Section 25g funding on a line labeled "25g Pupil Exceeding 1.0 FTE" in the Current Year Allowance section. Districts will see the Section 23a FTE at the top of the status report adjusted accordingly. Questions related to this adjustment should be directed to Brian Ciloski, Office of State Aid and School Finance, at 517-241-2209 or by e-mail at *CiloskiB@Michigan.gov* or Jessica Beagle, State Aid and School Finance, 517-241-6435, or BeagleJ1@Michigan.gov.

SHARED TIME GROWTH CAP

Section 6(4)(ii) limits the amount of part-time membership that may be claimed for a pupil enrolled under Section 166b to not more than 0.75 of a full-time equated membership.

Beginning with the 2018-19 school year, the follow membership caps will apply to pupils counted under Section 166b:

- Membership growth for pupils counted under Section 166b for districts that have counted pupils under Section 166b for at least four (4) years shall not exceed 10% growth from one fiscal year to the next.
- Membership for pupils counted under section 166b shall not exceed 5% of the membership for pupils not counted under section 166b for a district in its first three (3) years of counting pupils in membership under section 166b.

Questions should be directed to Brian Ciloski, State Aid and School Finance, 517-241-2209, or <u>CiloskiB@Michigan.gov</u>.

2017-18 DAYS AND CLOCK HOURS REPORTING DEADLINE IS AUGUST 1, 2018

In order to satisfy the legislative requirement found in Section 101(3) of the State School Aid Act (MCL 388.1701), intermediate districts must certify and submit to the Department a days and clock hours report, formerly known as the Days and Clock Hours of Instruction Report (DS-4168), for the intermediate and local districts by <u>August 1, 2018</u>. The requirement applies to all local school districts and public school academies. It also applies to intermediate school districts that operated an alternative education program or claimed FTE for a Special Education Early Childhood program during the 2017-18 school year.

The user guide to assist districts in using the application can be viewed <u>here</u>. Further questions regarding the application can be addressed by contacting CEPI Customer Support at <u>CEPI@Michigan.gov</u>.

SECTION 64b DUAL ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS

Incentive payments for supporting postsecondary opportunities for students remain available in 2017-18. A maximum of \$60 per course can be claimed by coding eligible courses as "10" in the Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) collection upon completion of a course. Incentive payments are limited to one course per student, per year, and will be included in districts' August state school aid payments following claim processing and course verification. Questions related to the processing of Section 64b Dual Enrollment Incentives and the TSDL collection may be directed to the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI) at 517-335-0505 or cepi@michigan.gov. Questions related to dual enrollment and eligibility for these incentives may be directed to Eric Lipinski at 517-241-6895 or <a href="mailto:Lipinski Lipinski Lipins

SECTION 31A AT-RISK PROGRAM REPORTS DUE JULY 21, 2017

Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) receiving Section 31a At-risk funds are required to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Section 31a Annual Program and Fiscal Report (APFR) by the August 16, 2018 extension deadline. The FY 2018 Section 31a Annual Program and Fiscal Report (APFR) is available in MEGS+. Questions regarding the MEGS+ Section 31a APFR may be directed to:

Office of Educational Supports

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TAXABLE VALUE SYSTEM UPDATES

The online taxable valuation collection system has been made available for county treasurers to input tax year 2018 values to be used when calculating FY 2019 State School Aid. These values are due by September 1, 2018. Please encourage your treasurer to report these values if they have not already done so. Taxable Value data can be viewed here. To view your data, click on "Public Access" and then choose your district code and the applicable tax year from the drop down menu. Questions should be directed to Phil Boone, Office of State Aid and School Finance, at 517-335-4059 or by e-mail at BooneP2@Michigan.gov.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- The proration factor for the Section 31a At Risk funding is 87.98158255%.
- The Section 22d(4) Isolated District funds are paid at \$45.4520106727 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collection funds are paid at \$25.3862897374 per pupil.
- The Supplemental count (February 2017) ISD audited FTE values are due to CEPI by August 1, 2018.
- October 3, 2018, the first Wednesday in October, is the Pupil Membership Count Date for FY 2018-2019.
- February 13, 2019, the second Wednesday in February, is the **Supplemental Count Date** for FY 2018-2019.

^{*}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, State Aid and School Finance, MDE, phone 517-335-4059, fax: 517-241-0196, e-mail: BooneP2@Michigan.gov.