# STATE SCHOOL AID UPDATE

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## FY 2020 SCHOOL AID

The School Aid budget for FY 2020 is a work in progress at this time. While in recent years we have enjoyed early budgets, the 2020 budget still requires some negotiation. We have proposals from the Governor, the Senate, and the House. The differences in these three proposals will have to be negotiated in conference until a compromise solution is reached.

## **INDIRECT COST RATES**

Adjustments to local and intermediate school district Indirect Cost Rates were due to the Department by June 1, 2019. Final rates will be available on the Department's <u>indirect cost rates webpage</u> on June 20, 2019. Questions related to the indirect cost rate calculations should be directed to Jessica Beagle, State Aid and School Finance, at 517-241-6435 or <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 2018-19 school year is July 15, 2019. Intermediate districts will have until August 1, 2019 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 <a href="CEPI@Michigan.gov">CEPI@Michigan.gov</a>.

## SECTION 31A ANNUAL PROGRAM AND FISCAL REPORT DUE JULY 15, 2019

Local educational agencies (LEAs) receiving Section 31a At Risk funds are required to submit the Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Section 31a Annual Program and Fiscal Report (APFR) in MEGS+ by **July 15**, **2019**.

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
- Dawn Carmody, Consultant, <u>carmodyd1@michigan.gov</u>
- Stephanie Holmes-Webster, Consultant, holmeswebsters@michigan.gov

MEGS+ Section 31a APFR may be directed to the OES Financial Unit at 517-241-5388

• Judy Thelen, Analyst, <a href="mailto:thelenj8@michigan.gov">thelenj8@michigan.gov</a> or 517-335-1266

## **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 Literacy Coaches and are unable to expend the funds by September 30, 2019 are eligible to carryover those funds until September 30, 2020. Grant awardees must provide notification to <a href="MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov">MDE-EarlyLiteracy@michigan.gov</a> no later than **October 31, 2019** if they intend to carryover unexpended funds. For more information regarding carryover of Section 35a early literacy funds, please refer to the <a href="memo">memo</a> 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 <a href="https://urchikec1@Michigan.gov"><u>UrchikeC1@Michigan.gov</u></a> or 517-335-1261.

#### SECTION 64b DUAL ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE FUNDS

Incentive payments for supporting postsecondary opportunities for students remain available in 2018-19. A maximum of \$60 per course can be claimed by entering "Yes" in the new "Eligible 64b Course" field within the Teacher Student Data Link (TSDL) collection upon completion of an eligible course. Previously, a different course type was used to differentiate between dual enrollment courses eligible and ineligible for these incentive payments. Course Type "07" should now be used for all dual enrollment courses. 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 <a href="mailto:cepi@michigan.gov">cepi@michigan.gov</a>. 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 at 517-241-6895">Lipinski E@michigan.gov</a>.

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

- **Proration factors**: Section 31a At-Risk funding per pupil proration is 78.34069104%.
- The Section 22d(4) Isolated District funds are being paid at \$49.7810215519 per pupil.
- The Headlee Obligation for Data Collection funds are being paid at \$25.6222635445 per pupil.

<sup>\*</sup>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**, phone: **517-335-4059**, fax: **517-241-0196**, e-mail: BooneP2@Michigan.gov