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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-003

TO: School District Superintendents, County School Superintendents, Principals, and Head Teachers
FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent
DATE: July 15, 2005
SUBJECT: July 15, 2005 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55 - 1) and Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64) - FY 2006 School Year

The July 15, 2005 apportionment reports applicable to the first FY06 equalization payment for your school district are posted on your district's home page on the ADE web site (<http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp>). If you need help finding or viewing these reports please contact the ADE Training and Support Group at 602-542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following items have been included in the July 15, 2005 APOR calculations:

- **ADMS data:** FY05 Student Detail data successfully submitted and processed by ADE as of June 30, 2005. Contact Jeff Schmidt at 602.542.8239 or by email at (jschmid@ade.az.gov) if you have concerns regarding the counts used in the calculation.
- **FY06 Funding Data:** State Aid Funding Factors that have been approved for FY06 have been included in this first month's equalization calculation. These factors include the Base Level Amount increase to \$3001.00 and to \$3038.51 (with the Teacher's Compensation Increase). All other factors base level amounts have been increased accordingly. Please note the change in the qualifying tax rates, the transportation support levels and the FY05 TEI Calculation.
- **FY05 Sudden Growth Correction:** Please note that due to the FY05 Student Data Submission deadline of June 30, 2005 and the fact that this deadline is after the final FY05 Budget Revision deadline, the FY05 Growth amounts will be recalculated state wide sometime this fall. Once these calculations are complete, you will be notified of your corrected growth amount and it will be included in your Budget Balance Carry forward Calculation (BBCF) into FY06. This corrected amount may then be included in your FY06 Budget Revisions.
- **District Sponsored Charter School ADMS:** Student Counts are based on FY05 100th day Student Detail data processed by June 30, 2005.
- **Rapid Decline, Audit Expense Adjustment, and Type 03 HS Tuition:** The values for Audit Expense and Type 03 HS Tuition have been set to the default of \$0. The flag designating a district in Rapid Decline has been set to the default of "Not Eligible." These items will be included in the September apportionment based on the data received from your FY06 Adopted Budget due to the ADE by July 18, 2005. The Type 03 HS tuition adjustment For FY04 has not been included in this calculation but will be included in the September 15, 2005 apportionment. Please refer to Worksheet A for the Rapid Decline calculation, Worksheets E and O for Type 03 HS Tuition, and Worksheet C for inclusion of your FY04 Actual Non Federal Audit Expenses included on the FY04 AFR.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your reports please contact Bonnie Betz at 602.542.8253 or by email at bbetz@ade.az.gov. Any questions or concerns may also be emailed to the School Finance Inbox at schoolfinance@ade.az.gov.