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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-042

TO: School District and Charter School Administrators and Business Managers

FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent of School Finance

DATE: December 21, 2005

SUBJECT: Full Day Kindergarten Payment 6

The sixth Full Day Kindergarten payment of Fiscal Year 2005-2006 has been calculated and the distribution of this payment is scheduled for Thursday, December 22, 2005. This year, the Full Day Kindergarten Fund has been expanded to include those schools in which at least 80% of the pupils qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch. Please reference the Early Childhood Education Memoranda found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/earlychildhood/fulldaykinder/#memos>.

This payment includes the monthly apportionment for December 2005. The calculations are based on each school's FY2004-05 100th day Kindergarten ADM as of September 15, 2005. In addition, please note from the above referenced memoranda that the FDK appropriated amount is insufficient to fully fund the total kindergarten need at the 80% Free and Reduced Lunch criteria. Pursuant to ARS 15-901.02, the FDK amounts per school have been prorated to each eligible school based on their calculated 2005-2006 amount in comparison to the state total.

If your district or charter received Full Day Kindergarten payments in Fiscal Year 2004-2005, please review your payment history found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Reports/FullDayKindergarten/>. Adjustments have been made to your current year calculation based on these reports. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact Lori Damanti via email at ldamant@ade.az.gov or by phone at (602) 542-3303.

Per A.R.S. §15-901.02:

- Enrollment in FDK is an option for parents.
- FDK monies may only be expended on FDK.
- A school level report on the expenditures of FDK monies is required of all LEA's receiving FDK monies. Information regarding the requirements of this report will be forthcoming from ADE and the Office of the Auditor General.

USFR 206 for Districts and USFRCS 52 for Charter schools provide additional information on FDK. The language in Arizona Revised Statutes (A.R.S. §15-901.02) authorizing the funding of Full day Kindergarten is accessible at: <http://www.azleg.state.az.us/FormatDocument.asp?inDoc=/ars/15/00901-02.htm&Title=15&DocType=ARS>

The School Finance Bulletin Board and Reports web pages include information on the distribution for each district and charter. These web pages are available through the School Finance web site at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance>.

For additional information on FDK, please visit the FDK web page on the ADE web site at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/earlychildhood/fulldaykinder/>