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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-048

TO: School District Superintendents, County School Superintendents, Principals, and Head Teachers
FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent
DATE: January 15, 2006
SUBJECT: January 15, 2006 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 January 15, 2006 apportionment reports including the APOR 55-2 Sudden Growth Report 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 Arizona Department of Education, Support Center at (602) 542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following items have been included in the January 15, 2006 APOR calculations:

- **ADMS data:** FY05 Student Detail data successfully submitted and processed by ADE as of August 31, 2005, unless further action has been taken to correct FY05 data through a 15-915. Contact Jeff Schmidt at 602.542.8239 or by email at (jschmid@ade.az.gov) if you have concerns regarding the student counts used in the calculation. If you require SAIS technical assistance, please complete the request form available on the System Training and Response (STaR) Team webpage at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/STaR/>
- **Advance Based on 40th Day Growth:** Included for eligible districts submitting a signed growth request form found on ADE's web site at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/schoolfinance/Forms/GrowthForms/>. If your district submitted a form but did not receive growth reflected on page 2 of the APOR 55-1, it may be due to missing or late submitted Student Detail.
- **District Sponsored Charter School ADMS:** Student Counts are based on FY06 40th day ADM and SPED successfully submitted and processed by ADE as of December 30, 2005.
- **Rapid Decline:** The Rapid Decline calculations have been revised on the APOR to include the 50% Rapid Decline Count Reduction. In addition, the Auditor General's Office has revised the instructions for Worksheet A – Rapid Decline, to include last year's unadjusted Rapid Decline Count in the calculation for the FY06 Rapid Decline count. Your most recent Budg25 revision shall include the new RCL relevant to this Rapid Decline change.
- **Audit Expense Adjustment, and Type 03 HS Tuition:** These values reflect those items budgeted for by December 15, 2005. Please refer to Worksheets E and O for Type 03 HS Tuition, Worksheet G for the HS Type 03 Trans count, and Worksheet C for inclusion of your FY04 Actual Non Federal Audit Expenses recorded on the FY04 AFR. Please note that this apportionment includes the Budg75 Type03 Tuition Adjustment reflected on your FY05 Budg75. It can be found on the APOR 64-1 Report as an above the line adjustment. State Aid is reduced based on the Qualifying Levy data applicable to FY05.
- **Transportation Support Level:** Revised Route and/or Vehicle Inventory Report adjustments submitted after December 30, 2005 are reflected in the January 15, 2006 equalization calculation. Please check your comparative miles report, TRAN40-2. The FY05 comparative miles adjustment is included in this month's apportionment. Please contact Shirley Willis at 602-542-8245 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the decrease reflected in your TSL calculation on the APOR 55-1..

- **FY05 Sudden Growth Correction:** The FY05 Sudden Growth amounts will be recalculated statewide once the final JTED concurrency business rules have been implemented. Once the FY05 growth calculations are complete, all districts will be notified of the final FY05 corrected growth amount. **The corrected amount will be included on the FY04-05 Budget75 report and in the Budget Balance Carry Forward Calculation (BBCF) for FY06.** This corrected amount may then be included in your FY06 Budget Revisions.
- **Small Schools Capital Transportation Adjustment per ARS§15-963:** The application for the FY06 Small Schools Transportation Adjustment has been mailed out to all eligible districts. The deadline for applying is February 6, 2006. This adjustment will be included in the February 15, 2006 apportionment. Please check the memorandum posted on the School Finance Bulletin Board at:

<http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Memos/FY2005-2006/06045.pdf>

If you have any questions regarding the content of your reports or this memorandum please contact Bonnie Betz at 602.542.8244 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.