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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 05-012

TO: School District Superintendents, Principals, and Head Teachers

FROM: Philip Williams, Director of School Finance

DATE: October 14, 2004

SUBJECT: October 15, 2004 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55 - 1) and Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64)

The October 15, 2004 apportionment reports 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 viewing these reports please call your county's Regional Training Center (RTC). The phone number for your county's RTC can be found at <http://www.ade.az.gov/rtc>.

Instructions and forms to request an advance of state aid are available on ADE's web site at <http://www.ade.state.az.us/schoolfinance/Forms/DistCashAdv/>. Please be advised that districts will not receive an equalization assistance payment in November (A.R.S. §15-973).

The October 15, 2004 equalization calculation is based on FY04 Student Detail data successfully submitted and processed at ADE, as of the Run Date on your APOR55-1 (upper right hand corner). Contact Katherine van Mourik at 602.542.8797 or by email (<mailto:kvanmou@ade.az.gov>) if you have concerns regarding the counts used in the calculation.

The October 15, 2004 equalization calculation includes Rapid Decline which has been adjusted to 50% pursuant to Laws 2004, 2nd Regular Session, Chapter 278, Section 10.

"Notwithstanding section 15-942, Arizona Revised Statutes, for fiscal year 2004-2005, the department of education shall reduce by fifty per cent the amount of rapid decline funding that a school district would otherwise be eligible to receive pursuant to section 15-942, subsections A through F, Arizona Revised Statutes."

Adjustments to the BSL for audit expenditures, eligibility for Rapid Decline, Type 03 Tuition and Soft Capital Allocation increase for High School Count Transported by District of Residence are dependent on the submission of all applicable budget files. Please check the submitted file status on your home page <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp>. Be sure your district has submitted the district-wide budget, and the worksheets when submitting budgets. (Submit all budget files at <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp>. **COMMON LOGON** username and password are required.) If you need assistance uploading budget items, contact a Regional Training Center (RTC) at <http://www.ade.az.gov/rtc>.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your reports please contact Maggie Singler at 602.542.8244 or by email at msingler@ade.az.gov.

cc: County School Superintendents