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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 09-069

TO: District Superintendents, District Business Managers, and County School Superintendents
FROM: Yousef Awwad, Director of School Finance
DATE: May 14, 2009
SUBJECT: May 15, 2009 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55 - 1) and Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64)

The May 15, 2009 apportionment reports applicable to the FY2009 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 May 15, 2009 APOR calculations:

- **K-12 Rollover:** Pursuant to Laws 2009, Chapter 287, the ADE is to rollover \$602 million of FY2009 basic state aid and additional state aid payments to be paid to school districts on July 1, 2009. This amount is equal to all of the June 15, 2009 and a portion of the May 15, 2009 payments. In addition, the Arizona Legislature expanded the original K-12 education rollover for another \$300 M, which may be paid with local cash balances. The new rollover amount excludes school districts eligible to budget for the small school adjustment pursuant to ARS Section 15-949, and shall be paid to school districts on October 15, 2009.
- **Sudden Growth:** In order to ensure that the ADE is able to comply with the \$602 million rollover pursuant to Laws 2009, Chapter 287, growth was included in the May 15, 2009 apportionment calculation for all districts eligible for FY2009 growth. Please be sure to include growth on page 7 of your district's May 15, 2009 budget revisions to ensure that the growth amount will not be removed in the June 15, 2009 apportionment calculation.
- **ADMS data:** These student counts reflect the results of the FY 2008 processing of student detail data as of April 20, 2009, contact the Data Analysis team at (602) 542-5695 or by email at (SchoolFinance@azed.gov) if you have questions or concerns regarding the student counts. 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/>.
- **District Sponsored Charter School ADMS:** Based on FY2009 100th day ADMS data successfully submitted by April 20, 2009.
- **Audit Expense Adjustment and Type 03 HS Tuition:** All adjustments are included based on your adopted budget successfully submitted to ADE as of March 31, 2008. Please check the submission status of your budget and budget worksheets. If you have questions related to budget submission, please contact the budget team at SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov.
- **Transportation Revenue Control Limit (TRCL):** TRCL may be capped pursuant to ARS § 15-946. The FY2009 TRCL may not exceed the FY2008 TRCL if the FY2009 TRCL would exceed 120% of the FY2009 Transportation Support Level (TSL). In the event that the TSL is greater than the TRCL, the TRCL will be set to the TSL.

- **Early Graduation Scholarship Fund:** An override was entered for the district's FY2008 high school ADM for all pupils who had graduated a semester early in FY2008. Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-105 (F)(2), a reduction of \$1,700 per pupil who had graduated a semester early has been included on the district's March 15th APOR64-1 report as an Equalization Adjustment. Students that graduated one year early in FY2008 and those that graduated a semester early in FY2009 are scheduled to be included in the FY2009 statewide recalculation. The Early Graduation Scholarship report can be viewed at <http://publicportal.azed.gov/sites/SF/Payments/EarlyGradScholarship/Reports/FY08EGAdj.pdf>.
- **JTED Cap:** Laws 2008, Ch. 287, §47, requires that state aid for a joint technological education district (JTED) be limited to 91% of the state aid that would otherwise be provided by law. However, a JTED will not receive less state aid than it received for the previous year except from reductions due to changes in ADM, net assessed property values, or other technical factors, or due to prior year adjustments or corrections. This adjustment has been revised for FY2009 and is reflected on page 4 of the districts May 15, 2009 APOR64-1 report. If you have any questions regarding this calculation, please contact Kim Lawrence via email at Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov or by phone at (602) 542-8244.

Please check the submission status of your budgets, budget worksheets and budget revisions. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-905 budgets must be submitted electronically to the Arizona Department of Education. Instructions for checking the submission status can be located at <http://www.azed.gov/schoolfinance/FAQs/Default.asp>. If you have questions related to budget submission, please contact the Budget Team via email at SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your APOR reports please contact Kim Lawrence at (602) 542-8244 or by email at Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov. Any questions or concerns may also be emailed to the School Finance Inbox at SchoolFinance@azed.gov.