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DATE: March 25, 2015

TO: Type 5 Charter School Board Presidents and Administrators  
(Orleans Parish)

FROM: Patrick Dobard, Superintendent  
Recovery School District

SUBJECT: Differentiated Funding for Special Education Students (RSD Orleans)  
March 2015 MFP Payment Schedule

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This memo provides clarification regarding the Recovery School District's differentiated funding for special education students included in the March 2015, MFP Payment Schedule from the Department of Education. The differentiated funding calculation includes special education data as reported through the Special Education Reporting System (SER) for February 2, 2015. The following schedules are attached and provide a detailed reconciliation of the differentiated funding:

1. FY2014-15 RSD Allocation and Payment Schedule (March 2015)
2. Special Education Funding by Classification (Attachment A)

Funding for the five levels of special education students is outlined in Attachment A, Special Education Funding by Classification, and is based on the actual number and classification of special education students as reported in SER on February 2, 2015, and is as follows:

- \$2,355 Base Per Pupil Funding
- \$1,394 Funding for Tier 1 Special Education Classification
- \$7,963 Funding for Tier 2 Special Education Classification
- \$12,941 Funding for Tier 3 Special Education Classification
- \$14,931 Funding for Tier 4 Special Education Classification
- \$19,909 Funding for Tier 5 Special Education Classification

Per the attached payment schedule, the total state payment in column 40 is the sum of the base funding, plus continuation of pay raises, plus special education differentiated funding, plus/minus mid-year adjustments for growth, minus the administrative fee due to the RSD, plus/minus audit adjustments, and plus total level 4 funds. Year-to-date payments through February 28, 2015, were then subtracted from the total state payment amount to provide the balance remaining to be paid. Monthly payment amounts for March, April, May and June 2015, are reflected on the attached allocation schedule.

If you have any questions or need any further information regarding the special education differentiated funding formula, please contact your Manager of School Performance.

Attachment

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