




LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 25, 2013

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TO: Parish/City School Superintendents
Superintendent of Recovery School District
Deans, Colleges of Education of Louisiana State
University and Southern University
Deputy Secretary, Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ)
Chief Executive Officer, N. O. Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)
Executive Director, LA School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA)
Type 2 Charter School Board Presidents
Type 5 Charter School Board Presidents

FROM: John White 
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **FY 2013-14 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation**

The General Appropriations Bill (House Bill 1) of the 2013 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature provides \$3,441,025,205 in funding, more or less estimated, for the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula defined in House Concurrent Resolution (HCR) 130 of the 2011 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

The MFP allocation includes funding for the 69 city/parish school systems, LSU and Southern Lab Schools, Type 2 Charter Schools, Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts, (LSMSA), and the Recovery School District (RSD Operated and Chartered.)

MFP Budget Letter Documents:

- Attachment 1:** Detailed listing of tables/calculations included in the MFP Budget Letter
Attachment 2: MFP Budget Letter
Attachment 3: Information regarding source data used in the MFP calculation per HCR 130

Mid-year Adjustments based on Student Membership Count Dates of October and February

- October 1, 2013, compared to February 1, 2013 – LEAs receive adjustment for the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost.
- February 1, 2014, compared to October 1, 2013 - LEAs receive adjustment for one-half of base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost.
- The net effect of the October and February adjustments will be applied beginning with the March 2014 payment.

Local share per pupil amounts for Charter Schools

- The initial local per-pupil contained in the MFP budget letter issued by June 30, is preliminary and is calculated based on Projected FY2012-13 local revenue and February 1, 2013 student counts.
- The final determination of the local per-pupil amount will be calculated in March 2014, based on actual FY2012-13 local revenue collections as reported in the AFR, and actual October 1, 2013 student counts as reported in SIS.

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If you have any questions regarding this information, contact Charlotte Stevens at (225) 342-4989 or via e-mail at charlotte.stevens@la.gov. This information will be posted to the Department of Education website, www.louisianabelieves.com. You may also call the Department's toll-free number at 1-877-453-2721.

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Attachments

- c: SBESE Members
 - Senator John Alario Jr., President of the Senate
 - Representative Charles E. "Chuck" Kleckley, Speaker of the House
 - Senator Conrad Appel, Chairman, Senate Education Committee
 - Representative Stephen F. Carter, Chairman, House Education Committee
 - Senator Jack Donahue, Chair, Jt. Legislative Committee on the Budget
 - Representative James Fannin, Vice Chair, Jt. Legislative Committee on the Budget
 - Local School System Business Managers/Directors of Finance
 - Type 2 Charter School Business Managers
 - Type 5 Charter School Business Managers
 - Kristy Nichols, Commissioner of Administration
 - Elizabeth "Beth" Scioneaux, Deputy Superintendent for Mgt and Finance, LDoE
 - Charlotte Stevens, Director, Education Finance, LDoE
 - Leslie Jewell, Director, Appropriation Control, LDoE
 - Heather Cope, Executive Director, SBESE
 - Tommy Smith, Assistant Director of Budget and Planning, LSU
 - Dr. Wade Smith, Director, LSU Lab School
 - Laura Lindsay, Dean of College of Human Science and Education, LSU
 - Dr. Ronnie Harrison, Director, SU Lab School
 - Cary Clark, Comptroller's Office, SU
 - Pamela Jones, Budget Office, SU
 - Sean Hamilton, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, OJJ
 - Kim Mims, Director of Education, OJJ
 - Stafford Palmieri, Office of the Governor
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