



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 *AW*
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **HB1 \$69 Million Appropriation (FY2013-14)**

During the 2013 Regular Session, the legislature and the governor agreed to a budget that provided an allocation of \$69 million for public schools, which is roughly equivalent to a 2.75% increase in the Minimum Foundation Program. This funding was provided outside of the MFP as part of House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill. The governor has committed to continue this funding in his FY15 executive budget.

The law requires that 50% of these funds be used to provide a "pay raise" to certificated classroom teachers. We have received numerous inquiries as to what constitutes a pay raise, given that this is a line item allocation for the 13-14 fiscal year. Because these funds are outside of the MFP and because local compensation plans for teachers include a mix of one-time and recurring funds, we urge school districts to use these funds as they deem appropriate for the 13-14 school year in giving either one-time salary supplements or base-building pay raises to certificated classroom teachers. We believe this additional funding is one of the greatest accomplishments of this legislative session and are happy to see teachers recognized for their outstanding service.

The FY2013-14 HB1 \$69 Million Appropriation for each LEA is attached. Monthly payments of one-twelfth of the total allocation will be made at the same time as the MFP payments.

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

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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

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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
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