



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: March 22, 2016

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

FROM: John White
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **March 2016**
FY 2015-16 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation

Per Senate Concurrent Resolution 55 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Legislature, two mid-year adjustments are provided during the fiscal year based on student membership count dates of October and February.

Mid-Year Adjustments for Students:

School systems and schools will receive an adjustment for the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost from the October 1, 2015 Mid-Year Adjustment, and one-half of the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost from the February 1, 2016 Mid-Year Adjustment. The adjustment in funding to accommodate these increases and decreases is included in the March 2016 payments.

Final Local Per Pupil Amounts for Charter Schools:

The local per pupil amount for charter schools is finalized according to Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3995. The State share per pupil is based on the per pupil amount included in the FY2015-16 Budget Letter (Circular No. 1158) issued on June 30, 2015. The local revenue representation amount has been recalculated to reflect the local revenues received during the prior year and reported in each district's FY2014-15 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and the October 1, 2015 student count reported in the Student Information System (SIS).

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MFP Budget Letter Tables (March 2016):

The following tables from the FY2015-16 MFP Budget Letter have been revised and are included in the March Budget Letter documents.

- Table 2 (MFP State Distribution and Adjustments to the 69 city/parish LEAs)
 - Provides the Total MFP distribution, minus audit adjustments and State Share Adjustments for other LEAs, and the monthly MFP payments for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems.
- Table 2A-1 (MFP Transfer Amount)(Annual Basis)
 - Provides the annual MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems, minus the local revenue representation due to the Recovery School District, Type 2 Charter Schools and the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ).
- Table 2A-2 (MFP Transfer Amount)(Monthly Basis)
 - Provides the monthly MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the 69 Louisiana city/parish school systems, minus the local revenue representation due to the Recovery School District, Type 2 Charter Schools, and the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ).
- Table 4 (Level 4 Supplementary Allocations)
- October 1 Mid-Year Adjustment (details)
- February 1 Mid-Year Adjustment (details)
- Table 5A1 (LSU and Southern Lab School)
- Table 5A2 – Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools
- Table 5A3 – Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ)
- Table 5A4 – New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)
- Table 5A5 - LA School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA)
- Table 5B1 and Table 5B1A (See the RSD Orleans Allocation)
 - The RSD Orleans Allocation for March has been updated to include the final differentiated funding calculation for Special Education Students
 - The Superintendent of the Recovery School District will send a separate letter regarding the March allocation for RSD Orleans
- Table 5B2 (RSD LA Allocation)
- Table 5C1 (Type 2 Charter Schools)

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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. You may also call the Department's toll-free number at 1-877-453-2721.

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