



# LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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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 2015-16 HB1 Appropriations**

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During the 2015 Regular Session, the legislature and the governor agreed to a budget that provided an allocation of \$44.2 million for public schools. This funding was provided outside of the MFP formula as part of House Bill 1, the general appropriations bill. This appropriation includes:

- \$36.2 million which is roughly equivalent to a 1.375% increase in the Minimum Foundation Program Base Per Pupil Amount

According to HB 1 these funds are intended to "sustain the certificated classroom teacher pay raise provided for in fiscal year 2013-14." This allocation permits but does not require districts to award additional pay increases. Instead, these funds are to sustain base-building pay raises or one-time salary supplements provided in 2013-14.

The total allocation of the \$36.2 Appropriation for each district and school is attached. A payment schedule detailing the timing of the release of these funds will be distributed in a separate communication in the coming week.

- \$5.4 million for High Cost Services

These funds are needed to support the costs of services for students with significant disabilities. This brings the total funding available up to \$13.4 million across all funding sources (\$4 million in MFP, \$5.4 million in State funds and \$4 million in federal IDEA funds). These funds are being released through the application process located within the electronic grants management system (eGMS).

- \$2.6 million for Supplemental Course Allocation

The Supplemental Course Allocation (SCA) will support dual enrollment and Course Choice. With this allocation, the total available for these activities increases to \$10.4 million from all funding sources (\$7.8 million in MFP and \$2.6 million in State funds). Information on the distribution of these funds will be distributed in a separate communication in the coming week.

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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](mailto:charlotte.stevens@la.gov). This information will be posted to the Department of Education website, [www.louisianabelieves.com](http://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  
Shan Davis, Executive Director, SBESE  
Tommy Smith, Assistant Director of Budget and Planning, LSU  
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