



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 28, 2016

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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 3B Charter School Board Presidents
Type 5 Charter School Board Presidents

FROM: John White
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **FY2016-2017 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation**

The General Appropriations Bill, Act 17, of the 2016 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature provides \$3,649,014,470 in funding for the Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Formula defined in Senate Concurrent Resolution (SCR) 55 of the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

The MFP allocation includes funding for the 70 city/parish and other public school systems, LSU and Southern Lab Schools, Type 2 Charter Schools, Type 3B Charter Schools, Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA), and Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA).

Fiscal year 2016-2017 marks the final year of the Hold Harmless phase-out and therefore, the final year for any increase in the redistribution of Hold Harmless funding to non-Hold Harmless districts. Going forward, the Hold Harmless redistribution is frozen at the FY2016-2017 amount of \$38.5 million.

In compliance with recommendations from a report issued in March 2015 by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, the Department has resumed the end-of-year student count audits. The

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FY2016-2017 MFP Budget Letter reflects end-of-year audit adjustments for two fiscal years bringing the Department current with the end-of-year audit work. In future years, the Department will perform one end-of-year student count audit annually.

In addition to the current distribution of funds, mid-year adjustments will be provided in March of 2017 based on the following information.

- October 1, 2016, compared to February 1, 2016 – LEAs receive an adjustment for the per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost.
- February 1, 2017, compared to October 1, 2016 - LEAs receive an adjustment for one-half of the 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 2017 payment.

The following MFP documents are posted to the Department of Education website:

1. Detailed listing of tables/calculations included in the MFP Budget Letter
2. MFP Budget Letter
3. Information regarding source data included in the MFP calculation per SCR 55
4. SCR 55

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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Senator Eric LaFleur, Chairman, Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget
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