



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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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, Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA)
Chief Executive Officer, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA)
Executive Director, Thrive Academy of Baton Rouge

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SUBJECT: **Update to the FY 2019-2020 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation**

In the spring each year, MFP allocations are recalculated based on the following factors:

1) **Mid-Year Adjustments for Student Enrollment Changes**

Revisions to the MFP allocation amounts as a result of the Mid-Year Adjustments are incorporated into the March 2020 MFP payments. Mid-Year adjustments to funding occur during the fiscal year based on student membership counts taken in October and February according to the 2019-20 MFP Resolution. School systems and schools receive an adjustment consisting of the per pupil amount(s) times the number of students gained or lost as calculated for the October 1, 2019 Mid-Year Adjustment, and one-half of the base per pupil amount(s) times the number of students gained or lost as calculated for the February 1, 2020 Mid-Year Adjustment.

2) **Update to Final Local Revenue Representation Per Pupil Amounts for Charter Schools**

The update to the Charter Per Pupil amounts and thus the local revenue representation amounts have been completed and incorporated into the March 2020 payments. The local revenue representation per pupil amount for charter schools is required to be updated from the initial to the final amount and used in the MFP formula allocations according to Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3995. The local revenue representation amount has been updated from the initial to the final calculation using two data sets: 1) estimated local revenues were replaced with actual local revenues received during the prior fiscal year as

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reported in each district's FY2018-19 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and 2) February 1, 2019 student counts were replaced with the October 1, 2019 student counts as reported in the Student Information System (SIS). Note that the State share per pupil remains the same and continues to be based on the per pupil amount included in the FY2019-20 Budget Letter (Circular No. 1163) in effect since July 2019.

3) Level 4 Supplementary Allocations

The Foreign Associates/Escadrille Teacher Stipends (2nd & 3rd Year) will be completed and paid as a lump sum payment in April 2020.

MFP Budget Letter Tables (March 2020):

As a result of the updates to the MFP formula calculations described above, the following tables and information from the July 2019 MFP Budget Letter have been revised and presented in the March 2020 Budget Letter:

- **Table 2 Distribution and Adjustments**
 - Provides the Total MFP State Share allocation for the city/parish school districts with Mid-Year Adjustments
- **Table 2A-1 MFP Transfer Amount - Annual**
 - Provides the annual Total MFP State Share allocation amount (from Table 2) for the city/parish school systems net of the local revenue representation due to the other public schools (the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ), Recovery School District/Type 5 Charter Schools, and New Type 2 Charter Schools)
- **Table 2A-2 MFP Transfer Amount Monthly Basis**
 - Provides the monthly Total MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the city/parish school systems minus the local revenue representation due monthly to the other public schools
- **Table 4 - Level 4 Supplementary Allocations**
 - Provides the final Career Development Fund allocation as a reconciliation, the MFP portion of the High Cost Services Allocation, and the final funding for Supplemental Course Allocation
- The following tables are provided, detailing the revised MFP allocations inclusive of the 2019-20 Mid-Year Adjustments:
 - **Table 5A1 – LSU and Southern Lab School**
 - **Table 5A3 – Office of Juvenile Justice**
 - **Table 5A4 – New Orleans Center for Creative Arts**
 - **Table 5A5 – Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts**
 - **Table 5A6 – Thrive Academy of Baton Rouge**

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- The following tables are provided, detailing the revised MFP allocations inclusive of the 2019-20 Mid-Year Adjustments and the update from the Initial to the Final Charter Per Pupil:
 - **Table 5A2 – Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools**
 - **Table 5B2 – RSD / Type 5 Charter Schools**
 - **Table 5C1 – New Type 2 Charter Schools**

If you have any questions regarding this information, you may email LDOEMFPHelpdesk@la.gov or call the Department at 225-342-3617.

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