



LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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TO: Parish/City School Superintendents
Dean, College of Education of Louisiana State University
Dean, College of Education of 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)
Executive Director, Thrive Academy
Type 2 Charter School Board Presidents
Type 5 Charter School Board Presidents

FROM: Dr. Cade Brumley
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: **Update to the FY 2020-2021 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 2021 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 2020-21 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, 2020 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, 2021 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 2021 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 to the final calculation using two data sets: 1) actual local revenues received

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during the prior fiscal year as reported in each district's FY2019-20 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and 2) the October 1, 2020 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 FY2020-21 Budget Letter (Circular No. 1164) in effect since July 2020.

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 2021. Any unused Supplemental Course Allocation funds will be reallocated in May 2021. Monthly payments will be adjusted due to any changes in the Final Supplemental Course Allocation in May and June 2021.

MFP Budget Letter Tables (March 2021):

As a result of the updates to the MFP formula calculations described above, the following tables and information from the July 2020 MFP Budget Letter have been revised and presented in the March 2021 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 and the MFP portion of the High Cost Services Allocation

- The following tables are provided, detailing the revised MFP allocations inclusive of the 2020-21 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 2020-21 Mid-Year Adjustments and the update 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. You may also call the Department's toll-free number at 1-877-453-2721.

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