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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 06-004

TO: County Jail Education Program Directors, County School Superintendents, & County Treasurers

FROM: Philip Williams, Deputy Associate Superintendent, School Finance

DATE: July 15, 2005

SUBJECT: **FY2004-2005** County Jail Education Program Attendance Report

Arizona Revised Statute Title §15-913.01 requires each county that operates a county jail to offer an education program to serve all eligible prisoners. Eligible prisoners are defined as:

- *prisoners who have been in the county jail for more than forty-eight hours*
- *have received at least two hundred forty minutes of instruction per day*
- *are under the age of eighteen years*
- *Or alternatively, are age twenty-one or younger if a prisoner with disabilities*

Per statute, the county school superintendent may establish a county jail education fund to provide financial support to the jail education program. This fund shall consist of a base amount set at \$14,400 and a variable amount that is calculated based on the number of attendance days as specified in 15-913.01 (E.).

In order to calculate the total amount of State Aid to your County Educational Program for FY2005-2006, the following information must be submitted to the Arizona Department of Education by August 19, 2005. Please reference the FY2005-2006 Attendance Report Form found on the School Finance website at:
<http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Reports/APORCounty/CountyJails/>

- General Program Information as specified in the Attendance Report found on the School Finance
- Actual instructional attendance days for all eligible prisoners from July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2005.
 - Non Special Education Student Attendance Days
 - Group A Student Attendance Days
 - Group B Student Attendance Days

FY2005-2006 County Jails Education Program calculations will be reflected in the September 15, 2005 County Equalization (APOR59) report. Calculated values will be provided to County Jail Education Program Directors and County School Superintendents prior to the September 15, 2005 APOR59 report.

Please complete and return the Attendance Report form by August 19, 2005. Mail, fax or email (bbetz@ade.az.gov) to Bonnie Betz, Arizona Department of Education, School Finance, Bin 13, 1535 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ 85007, fax (602) 542-3099, voice (602) 542-8253.