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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM_ 09-066

To: Charter School Administrators, Directors and Principals
From: Yousef Awwad, Director of School Finance
Date: April 23, 2009
Subject: Charter School 200 Day Calendars

Pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes, Section 15-185, subsection B, a charter school must revise its student count to be equal to the actual average daily membership, as defined in A.R.S. Section 15-901 or the adjusted average daily membership, as prescribed in A.R.S. Section 15-902 after the first 100 or 200 days in session, as applicable. Charter schools that elect to provide 200 days of instruction must continue to utilize these provisions.

Additionally, A.R.S. Section 15-902.02 allows a school district governing board to calculate its budget based on an estimated average daily membership and to increase its base level by five per cent (5%) if the school district elects to provide 200 days of instruction. Statute does not provide this increased equalization assistance for charter schools that implement a 200-day calendar.

Without further legislative guidance to include charter schools in A.R.S. Section 15-902.02, charter schools will not be authorized to increase their equalization assistance by five per cent (5%).

If you have any questions, please email the School Finance Payment Team at SFPaymentTeam@azed.gov or call 602-542-5695.

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