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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 09-081

TO: District Superintendents, District Business Managers, and County School Superintendents

FROM: Yousef Awwad, Director of School Finance

DATE: June 11, 2009

SUBJECT: June 15, 2009 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55 - 1) and Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64-1)

The June 15, 2009 apportionment reports applicable to the FY2009 equalization payment for your school district are posted on your district's home page on the ADE web site (<http://www.ade.az.gov/districts/default.asp>). If you need help finding or viewing these reports please contact the ADE Training and Support Group at 602-542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

The following items have been included in the June 15, 2009 APOR calculations:

- **K-12 Rollover:** Pursuant to Laws 2008, Chapter 287, the ADE is to rollover \$602 million of FY2009 basic state aid and additional state aid payments scheduled to be paid to school districts on July 1, 2009. This amount is equal to all of the June 15, 2009 and a portion of the May 15, 2009 apportionment payments. In addition, the Arizona Legislature deferred another \$300 M pursuant to Laws 2009, Chapter 5, which may be paid with local cash balances pursuant to Laws 2009, Chapter 6. The deferred amount excludes school districts eligible to budget for the small school adjustment pursuant to ARS Section 15-949, and is scheduled to be paid to school districts on October 15, 2009 after the adjustments are made.
- **Delayed Payment Interest Distribution:** Pursuant to Laws 2008, Chapter 287, each district's interest appropriation for FY2009 has been determined and the amount can be found on the School Finance website at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/Reports/APORCounty/>.
- **Sudden Growth:** In order to ensure that the ADE is able to comply with the \$602 million rollover pursuant to Laws 2008, Chapter 287, growth was included in the May 15, 2009 apportionment calculation for all districts eligible for FY2009 growth. For the June 15, 2009 apportionment calculation, growth is paid as the lesser of the amount included on Page 7 of the district's May 15, 2009 budget revision or the amount calculated on the APOR 55-2. All student level data submitted between May 15th and June 30th, 2009 will be processed and adjustments will be reflected in a statewide FY2009 district growth recalculation.
- **ADMS data:** These student counts reflect the results of the FY 2008 processing of student detail data as of May 15, 2009, contact the Data Analysis team at (602) 542-5695 or by email at (SchoolFinance@azed.gov) if you have questions or concerns regarding the student counts. If you require SAIS technical assistance, please complete the request form available on the System Training and Response (STaR) Team webpage at: <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/STaR/>.
- **District Sponsored Charter School ADMS:** Based on FY2009 100th day ADMS data successfully submitted by May 15, 2009.
- **Audit Expense Adjustment and Type 03 HS Tuition:** All adjustments are included based on your May 15, 2009 budget revision successfully submitted to ADE. Please check the submission status of your budget and

budget worksheets. If you have questions related to budget submission, please contact the budget team at SFBudgetTeam@azed.gov.

- **Early Graduation Scholarship Fund:** An override was entered for the district's FY2008 high school ADM for all pupils who had graduated a semester early in FY2008. Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-105, a reduction of \$1,700 per pupil who had graduated a semester early has been included on the district's March 15, 2009 APOR64-1 report as an Equalization Adjustment. The ADM for students that graduated one year early in FY2008 and those that graduated a semester early in FY2009 have been included in the FY2009 ADMS 46-1 report. The statutory reductions of \$1,700 for a semester early graduate and \$2,200 for a year early graduate will be included in the FY2009 statewide recalculation.
- **JTED Cap:** Laws 2008, Ch. 287, requires that state aid for a joint technological education district (JTED) be limited to 91% of the state aid that would otherwise be provided by law. However, a JTED will not receive less state aid than it received for the previous year except from reductions due to changes in ADM, net assessed property values or other technical factors or due to prior year adjustments or corrections. This adjustment has been revised for FY2009 and is reflected on page 4 of the district's June 15, 2009 APOR64-1 report. If you have any questions regarding this calculation, please contact Kim Lawrence via email at Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov or by phone at (602) 542-8244.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your APOR reports please contact Kim Lawrence at (602) 542-8244 or by email at Kim.Lawrence@azed.gov. Any questions or concerns may also be emailed to the School Finance Inbox at SchoolFinance@azed.gov.