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**SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 09-026**

**TO: Superintendents, Business Managers, and Administrators**

**FROM: Vicki Salazar, Associate Superintendent of Business and Finance**

**DATE: November 26, 2008**

**SUBJECT: FY09 Aggregation**

The September recalculation of FY2008 Student Detail data resulted in an issue that affected a large number of students. This issue is currently being corrected by the ADE-IT Unit. The programming will be completed in December 2008.

State aid impacted by the reprocessing of the FY 2008 data will be recalculated as soon as possible for the following:

- Districts: 2008 Sudden growth, 2009 State aid
- Charters: 2008 State aid

This correction to the FY 2008 Average Daily Membership (ADM) calculation also affects the processing for FY 2009. As a result, the first ADM aggregation for the FY 2009 Student Detail data is scheduled to occur as part of the December month-end statewide data processing cycle. This would mean that FY 2009 ADM will not be available until at least January 5, 2009.

This business rule implementation will incorporate a statewide limiting of ADM per student for FY 2009. Rather than limiting ADM to the first 100 membership days for a student across all memberships in the state, ADM will be limited in the following manner:

- Memberships shall be considered eligible for funding according to currently implemented validation rules.
- The initial apportionment of membership days will be made according to currently implemented concurrency rules.
- All eligible student memberships that occur within the first 100 session days of all calendars will be funded.
- A limiting adjustment is made if the total ADM for all of a student's concurrent and subsequent memberships exceeds the limit of 1.0 or 1.25 when JTED satellite memberships exist.
- The limited ADM is divided proportionally among all of a student's memberships (concurrent and subsequent) that are eligible for funding in the fiscal year.

The extent to which this implementation affects your student count as compared to last year will depend on the number of students in a school that have a concurrent membership as well as a prior membership in another school in another district or charter holder during the fiscal year.

The limitation of ADM across the total number of memberships for a student in a fiscal year will apply to the current membership combinations.

- Charter and Non-Charter (1.0 Limit)
- TAPBI and Non-TAPBI (1.0 Limit)
- JTED Satellites and Member Districts (1.25)

The following non-TAPBI membership combinations will not be limited.

- Charter and Charter
- District and District

Also, none of the JTED Main memberships will be involved in any limiting adjustments.

Unless otherwise directed by the Attorney General's Office, the business rules that are implemented in December will persist as the final business rules for FY 2009. The original plan to limit ADM to the first 100 membership days for a student across all memberships in the state will be implemented in FY 2010.

Currently ADE is seeking an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding the statewide limiting of ADM for a student to 1.0 (or 1.25 with JTED satellite memberships) that could affect the calculation of student counts for the current fiscal year; and so even the numbers available in early January would be subject to a significant change unless a decision can be reached before December.

Any questions relating to the aggregation rules may be directed to Teddy Dumlao via email at [Teddy.Dumlao@azed.gov](mailto:Teddy.Dumlao@azed.gov).