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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 09-076

To: Superintendents, Business Managers, Administrators, SPED Coordinators

From: Yousef Awwad, Director of School Finance

Date: May 14, 2009

Subject: SPED Student Count for Group B Funding

In a recent internal review of our process, it was discovered that the SPED Student count for Group B funding has not been calculated consistently with Arizona Revised Statutes. (A.R.S. § 15-943)

Currently Special Education student count is calculated based on twenty census dates during the fiscal year. For fiscal year 2010, all ADM associated with fundable school enrollments shall be used as the student count for SPED Group B Funding, if those enrollments contain a valid SPED participation. (A.R.S. § 15-901(B)(11) and A.R.S. § 15-901(A)(14))

The LEAs will not be required to do anything differently when reporting SPED data. Additional information will be provided on some reports used to reconcile fundable SPED data.

Calculating student count consistent with statute will be effective July 1, 2009 for fiscal year 2010.

We want this to be a smooth transition for the LEAs and we will work with you to ensure that this occurs. Please call me at 602-542-5695 if you have any questions.

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