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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 11-021

**TO: District Superintendents, District Managers,
Joint Technological Education District Business Managers and
Superintendents**

FROM: Yousef Awwad, Director of School Finance

DATE: September 20, 2010

SUBJECT: CSF (Classroom Site Fund)

In our memo 11-020 dated September 7, 2010 we informed you that Classroom Site Fund payment should be paid to the JTED and not the member district. This determination was based on consultation with the Attorney General's office and the fact that the JTED district and its Satellite(s) are a completely separate political subdivision from the member district. The memo also stated that this change would be made effective this fiscal year and retroactive to July 1st, 2010.

After further discussions with many of the JTED districts and the member districts, ADE School Finance (SF) has reconsidered the timing of this change. Both member districts and JTED districts agreed to postpone the implementation of this change until FY2012 with an effective date of July 1, 2011.

ADE School Finance has become aware of an AG opinion (number 190-057) issued on Sep. 27, 1990. The AG opinion addressed the issue of the timing and determined that due to the hardship that would be realized by the districts, a change of this nature should be implemented the following fiscal year in order to give sufficient notice for districts to adjust their finances and budget.

The postponed implementation will provide member districts and JTED districts sufficient time to plan accordingly and make legislatively recommendations if need be. The postponed implementation will not change ADE's decision regarding the distribution of CSF funds, as stated in our memo 11-20 dated Sep. 7, 2010.

ADE School Finance would like to thank both the JTED districts and the member districts for their cooperation and collaboration with ADE's decision to meet legislative requirements.