State of Arizona
Department of Education

SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 15-067

TO: Superintendents, Business Managers, Administrators, and Head Teachers

FROM: Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance

DATE: July 23, 2015

SUBJECT: Instructional Improvement Fund

Pursuant to A.R.S 15 - 979, the Department of Education shall pay the monies in the Instructional Improvement Fund (Indian Gaming revenues) to school districts and charter schools.

The calculation for the Second payment of FY 2015 is complete. This payment is based on actual IIF revenues received in the 3rd and 4th quarter of FY 2015 ($18,567,172.58). Actual receipt of payment by districts and charters is scheduled for Thursday, July 23, 2015.

Please view the county reports, which will show the district portions, at http://www.azed.gov/SchoolFinanceReports/Reports?reportType=county or a detailed state-wide FY 2015 IIF Payment 2 Report at www.azed.gov/SchoolFinanceReports/

All monies received for the Instructional Improvement Fund to date have been distributed based on each district's or charter's unweighted attending student count.

Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-979 (D) & (E), these funds may be expended as follows:

D. Each school district and charter school may utilize up to fifty percent of the amount of monies determined pursuant to subsection C for teacher compensation increases and class size reduction as provided in section 15-977.

E. Monies that are not utilized as provided in subsection D shall be utilized for the following maintenance and operation purposes:
   1. Dropout prevention programs.
   2. Instructional improvement programs including programs to develop minimum reading skills for students by the end of third grade.

If you have questions concerning your calculated payment, please contact Chelsea Jemison via email at Chelsea.Jemison@azed.gov or by phone at (602)542-8244.

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