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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 17-005

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

**FROM:** Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance

**DATE:** August 1, 2016

**SUBJECT:** August 1, 2016 Basic calculations for Equalization Assistance Report (APOR 55-1) and Equalization Assistance and Additional State Aid Detail Report (APOR 64-1)

Please be advised that the August 1, 2016 apportionment has been completed. The apportionment reports applicable to the FY 2017 equalization payment for your school district are posted on your district's home page of the ADE web site, available by district selection [here](#). If you need help finding or viewing these reports, please contact the ADE/ IT Technology support team at 602-542-7378 or toll free at (866) 577-9636.

**The following items have been included in the August 1, 2016 APOR calculations:**

- **Student Counts:** For the first school district state aid payment of FY 2016-2017, August 1, 2016, several sources of ADM and SPED have been used.
  - School districts which experienced a significant drop in ADM and SPED in FY 2016:  
FY 2015 ADM and SPED have been used for the August 1<sup>st</sup> payment
  - School Districts whose ADM and SPED dropped significantly with the July 5<sup>th</sup> processing:  
ADM and SPED from the June 1<sup>st</sup> processing have been used
  - School Districts whose FY 2016 ADM and SPED increased  
FY 2016 ADM and SPED have been used

If you have questions or concerns regarding the student counts, please contact the district's assigned account analyst directly. The following link takes you to the assignment of and contact information for the School Finance account analysts: [LEA Account Analyst List](#). We will switch to current year counts for the October 1 payment.



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- **Transportation Support Level (TSL):** Route miles from FY 2016 were reflected in the August equalization calculation. Please verify the comparative miles report (TRAN40-2) for accuracy and email the district's account analyst with any questions or concerns.
- **K-3 Reading:** all eligible districts will receive the funding in September 1 payment. To be eligible: **the district with a letter grade of "A" or "B" and the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade reading is "far below" is less than 10%.** All other districts' K-3 reading funding will be released once we receive approval from the State Board of Education.
- **State Aid Rollover:** Pursuant to Laws 2016, Chapter 124, Section 14, the Arizona Department of Education shall defer, until July 1, 2017 but no later than July 12, 2017, \$930,727,700 of the basic state aid and additional state aid payment that otherwise would be apportioned to school districts during fiscal year 2016-2017. The FY17 rollover amounts have been included in the August 1 payment APOR64-1.
- **Additional State-Aid (Secure Payment):** The FY2016 Additional State Aid amounts have been used in lieu of FY2017 amounts. These amounts will be updated once we receive the updated Additional State Aid figures for FY2017 from the Department of Revenue, which we expect to receive by October 2016.
- **Assessed Valuations:** Tax Year 2016 values by district and county were used in the calculation of state aid in FY2017 for the August 1, 2015 apportionment. These values are provided by the AZ Department of Revenue.
- **SRP Voluntary Contributions:** SRP amounts are rolled over from Tax Year 2015; these amounts will be updated once we receive the Tax Year 2016 voluntary contribution figures from SRP, which we expect to receive by the end of October 2016.
- **GPLET Value:** Tax Year 2015 values by district were used in the calculation of state aid in FY2017 for the August 1, 2016 apportionment. These values will be updated when the Tax Year 2016 values are provided by the Counties. We expect these to be included in September 1, 2016 apportionment.
- **County Equalization Tax Rate:** The county equalization tax rate established pursuant to A.R.S. § 15-994 is in effect for FY2017, and was included in the APOR 59-1 and APOR 64-1 calculations beginning with the August 1, 2016 apportionment payment.

If you have any questions regarding the content of your district's APOR reports, please contact the Payment Team via email at [SFPaymentTeam@ade.az.gov](mailto:SFPaymentTeam@ade.az.gov)