Date: May 31, 2021
To: Chief School Administrators
From: Craig Neuenswander, Deputy Commissioner
Veryl D. Peter, Interim Director of School Finance

**INTEREST RATE ON INVESTMENT**
Effective 5/31/21 through 6/06/21

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**Remaining FY2021 Payments**
June 1........Special Education, Mental Health (Liaisons), Bond & Interest (Capital Improvement)
June 10.......Selected Federal Payments*
June 15.......State Foundation Aid, Mentor Teacher, Juvenile Detention, After School Enhancement, After School Activity (Middle School)
June 18.......Professional Development, Food Service state match re-apportionment
June 22 ......Kansas Parents as Teachers
June 24 ......State Foundation Aid, Supp. General (LOB) – prorated
July 7..........**FY21 Remaining entitlement:** State Found. Aid, Supp. General (LOB)

State Aid payments ...............Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973 rireland@ksde.org
Federal Aid (Form 240) ...........Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020 nnorwood@ksde.org
Meal reimbursement ...............Jennifer Barger (785) 296-4965 jbarger@ksde.org

State and federal payment amounts for each LEA are available on the School Finance homepage: Payment Information.

Also, on the payment screen, open and review the **FY21 State Aid Printouts** (summary reports) for your district each month:

– State Foundation, Supplemental & Capital Improvement State Aid Printout
– Special Education State Aid Printout (payments, coop split)

**Professional Development – May – Final Claim Now Open!**
School districts, special education coops and interlocals must submit a final expenditure report to receive a state aid payment for Professional Development.
Prior to entering your claim, please visit the School Finance homepage “What's New” - link: [https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Whats-New](https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Whats-New)
The following documents are available to assist completing the Professional Development final claim:

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• Instructions to Submit – includes list of LEAs with Approved 5-year plan
• User Guide - Professional Development web application
• Eligible Expenses

**NOTE:** All LEAs are asked to go online to the [KSDE Web Applications login screen](https://ksde.org) to submit this report by Friday, June 4. If you are not requesting funds, please log on and complete the form with zeros.

If you have program questions about approved plans:
Contact: Ed Kalas  (785) 296-2198

If you have questions completing the final expenditure report:
Contact: Nicole Norwood  (785) 296-2020

Professional Development state aid is anticipated to direct deposit on June 18.

*Only districts with a 5-year plan approved by the State Board are eligible to receive Professional Development state aid.*

All USD's have 5-year approved plan **EXCEPT** for the following: USD 395, 468, & 496 (to clarify, USD #s listed here do not have an approved plan as of 5/25/2021).

The **following Service Centers & Interlocals** **HAVE** a 5-year approved plan: D0602, 603, 605, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 613, 615, 617, 618, 619, 620, 622, 626, 628, 629, 636 & 637 (as of 5/25/2021).

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**Categorical Aid $31,465 – Medicaid $637 (Final 2020-21)**

The final 2020-2021 special education categorical aid entitlement has been calculated to be **$31,465** primarily due to a statewide decline of special education paras. The budget estimate for 2020-2021 special education categorical aid was $29,510. The categorical aid calculation is based on special education transportation costs, high need student costs, the number of teachers and paras, and Medicaid State Aid Replacement.

The final special education state aid payment should deposit in your bank Tuesday, June 1. Download the Special Education State Aid Printout for full detail found under the FY21 State Aid Printouts heading from the School Finance Payment Information website: [https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Payment-Information](https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Payment-Information).

Final 2020-2021 Medicaid amount per pupil is **$637**.

Categorical aid for 2021-2022 is **estimated** to be **$30,085**.

Questions regarding state aid payments can be directed to the School Finance office:

- Rose Ireland  or (785) 296-4973
- Sara Barnes  or (785) 296-4972

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Deposit Special Education aid to Code 06 and transfer to Code 30

The final payment of 2020-21 Special Education state aid will direct deposit on Tuesday, June 1. As you will recall, the law requires all special education state aid payments to be deposited in the school district’s general fund budget (Code 06, Line 120 – 3205 Special Education Aid). The revenue would then be transferred from the general fund to the special education fund (Code 30, Line 75 – 5206 Transfer from General).

The special education payment was computed using the following final reports submitted by your office: special education personnel, non-public equivalency, transportation (Form 308), catastrophic and Medicaid.

Detail reports are posted online

- To view payment amounts and print the special education detail reports, link here.
- Select FY21 Special Education State Aid Printout
- If a security warning appears in a yellow bar above the spreadsheet, click on Enable Content to proceed.
- Next, with your cursor, locate Cell F3 (in red) and click on the arrow to scroll up and select your LEA number. The information will refresh when the LEA number is updated.
- To display each report, select a tab located at the bottom of the screen (Special Ed, Coop Split, Payment Received).

2021 Budget Workshop Dates – Register now

USD budget workshops are presented by Craig Neuenswander and Veryl Peter for superintendents, board clerks, and business directors/managers. Please invite your CPA and county clerk. The 2021-22 budget document will be reviewed and we will also discuss education/finance bills passed by the 2021 legislature. Six workshops are scheduled across Kansas between June 16-28. We also return to an all-day session from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm.

Registration with the site is required to attend - To register, open the workshop announcement on the School Finance homepage under What’s New? Link: https://www.ksde.org/Agency/Fiscal-and-Administrative-Services/School-Finance/Whats-New

Please contact the workshop location to register. This will reserve a meal, seating and a workshop packet with the sample FY2022 budget forms.

Budget software:
We anticipate the Excel budget program will be available to download in late June.

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If you cannot attend, all sample budget forms and information sheets reviewed at the workshops will be available on the School Finance website. The workshop will not be recorded this year due to its length.

**Attn: New Superintendents -- BUDGET 101 Workshop** will be presented in **Salina** on **Tuesday, July 6**. (Registration information will be available soon.) Attendance at this workshop has always been limited to new (first-year) superintendents. This year, we also invite new (first-year) board clerks or business managers to attend whose job it is to assist in preparing the budget document. We strongly encourage all **first-year** superintendents to attend this workshop where the budget process is explained in detail. We also recommend attending one of the regular budget workshops listed above, if possible.

**Report Due Dates**

May 1–June 4... **IDEA Application for funds: Title VI-B Flow Through Part 1 – funds for 2021-22 school year**  
Christy Weiler (785) 296-1712

May 14–June 11. **Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI)** (in KIAS) Incidents occurring on or between 12/1/20 and 5/31/21  
Shanna Bigler (785) 296-4941

May 25–June 4... **Professional Development - Final expenditures claim form**  
(Open May 25 - June 4) Nicole Norwood (785) 296-2020

June 1............ **Special Education Para Inservice** - (CAPS deadline to submit June 1)  
Evelyn Alden (785) 296-3868

June 1 – 21..... **Request July Federal Funds (Form 240) if funds available** (open June 1 - 21)  
Nicole Norwood (785) 296 -2020

June 4............ **IDEA Application for funds: Title VI-B Flow Through Part 1 – funds for 2021-22 school year (due June 4)**  
Christy Weiler (785) 296-1712

June 4 – 8 ...... **Local Effort Form** (window open June 4-8)  
Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

June 11.......... **Unencumbered Cash Balances on June 1** (all USDs - open May 28-June 11)  
Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

June 11.......... **Emergency Safety Intervention (ESI) Incidents on or between 12/1 and 5/31**  
(Open May 15-June 11) Melissa Valenza (785) 296-6035

June 14 – 18... **Bond & Interest Form** (to determine State Aid) (all USDs - open June 14 -18)  
Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

June 14 – 18... **Request for State Foundation Aid for July** (all USDs - open June 14-18)  
Rose Ireland (785) 296-4973

June 25........... **KIDS Collection TEST** - Assessment Testing all USDs -  
(open Sep 8, 2020-June 25, 2021) KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935

June 25........... **KIDS Collection EOYA** - End of Year Accountability (open May 10-June 25)  
KSDE Helpdesk (785) 296-7935

June 30.......... **Discipline Data Collection** (in KIAS) (submit final data by June 30)  
Rachel Beech (785) 296-8965

June 30.......... **State Deaf-Blind Funds** (KSA 72-3481) Application for 2021-2022 funds  
(submit by June 30) Joan Houghton (785) 296-2515

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At-Risk Funding Guidance for 2021-2022 School Year

As a result of all students receiving free meals this coming school year, the National School Lunch Applications for free and reduced priced school meals will not be available. In order to determine whether the student qualifies for at-risk funding, school districts will use the KSDE Household Economic Survey to collect the information to determine student eligibility. The Household Economic Survey was developed to ensure the process was similar to the National School Lunch Applications and meets the intent of the law covering at-risk funding.

The Department has received numerous questions regarding procedures and general requirements of the survey. To assist districts, we have compiled Frequently Asked Questions which can be found under the heading Guidance for At-Risk Funding on the School Finance – What's New web page. If you cannot find an answer to your question, please contact School Finance at 785-296-3872 or email Katie Albright.

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