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Bureau of Special Education FY'15 Memo #4

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To: Superintendents of Schools
Directors of Special Education

From: Office of the Commissioner of Education

Division of Educational Improvement
Bureau of Special Education

RE: FY'15 Catastrophic Aid Early Claims Report

Attached find the Fiscal Year 2015 Catastrophic Aid Early Claims report based on claims processed by the Bureau of Special Education as of August 27, 2014. Annually, the Department of Revenue Administration requests an early estimate to support the tax rate setting process. Attached is the best estimate as of August 27th, these are not the final numbers. The Bureau of Special Education is still in the process of reviewing the reimbursement claims that have been submitted and this estimate should be considered as the best data available at this moment.

The current appropriation for Catastrophic Aid is \$22,537,308.00. Student costs processed to date total \$29,892,286.75. While the current figures suggest a proration at 75.3932%, there may be rare incidents that a district did not submit all expenditures by the August 1st deadline; therefore because of these incidents, final proration maybe at a lower percentage. Further reductions on an individual district basis are also possible. If you have requested reimbursement for an unapproved program, the expenditures for that program, while possibly in the attached estimate, may be disapproved. Extraordinary expenditures may or may not be reflected in the attached sheet. The Department is still in the process of reviewing claims,

When it is time to set the tax rates for your towns, you may be able to provide the Department of Revenue Administration with an estimate that is more accurate than the one attached. You may be aware of recently approved or disapproved expenditures that will change your town's entitlement. Municipal Services is aware of the nature of the attached estimates and will accept reasonable adjustments.

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