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Bureau of Special Education Support FY'24 Memo #12

Date: October 3, 2023

To: Superintendents of Schools
Administrators of Special Education

From: Bureau of Student Support
Division of Learner Support

RE: FY'24 Special Education Aid Estimated Report
School Year 2022-2023 including 21-22 year olds

The Department of Revenue Administration annually requests from the Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Support, an estimated reimbursement amount of special education aid. By providing this information to the Department of Revenue Administration, it assists the municipalities in setting the tax rate.

Special Education Aid:

The current appropriation for Special Education Aid is \$33,917,000.00. The student costs entered the system to date total \$39,298,759.08 resulting in a proration at 86.3055%. Attached is an estimate of the Special Education Aid reimbursement amounts by districts as of September 1st.

Special Education Aid 21–22-year-olds:

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Department of Education shall be liable for all school district's allowable costs related to providing services to special education students over age 21 until their 22nd birthday. The department shall provide reimbursement to a school district for any such costs, which were not otherwise compensated by other forms of state education aid.

The Bureau of Special Education Support is in the process of reviewing the submitted applications for reimbursement and therefore the estimated district reimbursement amounts may change. Attached is an estimate of the Special Education Aid reimbursement amounts by districts as of September 1st.

When it is time to set the tax rates for your towns, it is the district's responsibility to provide the Department of Revenue Administration with an estimate that is more accurate than the one attached since there may be a revision of your reimbursement amount due to approval or disapproval of expenditures. The Department of Education, Bureau of Special Education Support, will not provide the Department of Revenue Administration with revised reimbursement amounts. Municipal Services is aware of the nature of the attached estimates and will accept reasonable adjustments.

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