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TO: Chief School Administrators
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FROM: Yut'se Thomas 
Director, Office of School Funding

RE: 2010-11 EXTRAORDINARY AID – eligibility for reimbursement and the award amount

The proposed 2011-12 State Budget includes approximately \$162.7 million of Special Education Extraordinary Aid to reimburse districts for costs incurred in fiscal year 2010-11. The district EXAID award notices will be posted in your state aid folders on May 17th. This year the award is based upon the individual student's primary placement in one of the three categories described below:

1. Student educated in public school program with non-disabled peers: For those direct instructional and support services costs in excess of \$40,000 a district shall receive aid equal to 90% of the amount of that excess.
2. Student educated in public school with only disabled peers: For those direct instructional and support services costs in excess of \$40,000 a district shall receive aid equal to 75% of the amount of that excess.
3. Student educated in a private school: For tuition costs in excess of \$55,000 a district shall receive aid equal to 75% of the amount of that excess.

The final award amount was then prorated by 84% (approx) to arrive at a payment amount.

You can expect the payment to be made to your LEA through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) and it should be available sometime in August or September of 2011. Reimbursement funds should be recorded as revenue and a receivable in your district's detailed general ledger for the 2010-11 fiscal year as 'Extraordinary Aid', in revenue account 10-3131. Cash payment will occur in the 2011-12 fiscal year. If your district does not appropriate these funds during 2010-11 the amount can be used as an allowable adjustment for the audited excess surplus calculation and you can appropriate it in the next fiscal year (2011-12). Your district may appropriate these funds in either year without Commissioner approval.

Please remember that as always, all funds received by your district may be subject to later statutory and single audits.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this letter or your EXAID reimbursement, please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mail at exaid@doe.state.nj.us

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c: Barbara Gantwerk
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