**DATE:** March 22, 2018

**CIRCULAR: 1161-A**

**TO:** Parish/City/Local School Superintendents

Superintendent of Recovery School District

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**SUBJECT:** **March 2018 - Update to the FY** **2017-2018 Minimum Foundation Program (MFP) Allocation**

In the spring each year, MFP allocations are recalculated based on the following factors:

1. **Mid-Year Adjustments for Student Enrollment Changes**
2. Revisions to the MFP allocation amounts as a result of the Mid-Year Adjustments are incorporated into the March 2018 MFP payments. Mid-Year adjustments to funding occur during the fiscal year based on student membership counts taken in October and February according to the 2017-18 MFP Resolution, House Concurrent Resolution 7 of the 2017 Regular Session of the Legislature. School systems and schools receive an adjustment consisting of the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost as calculated for the October 1, 2017 Mid-Year Adjustment, and one-half of the base per pupil amount times the number of students gained or lost as calculated for the February 1, 2018 Mid-Year Adjustment.
3. **Update to Final Local Revenue Representation Per Pupil Amounts for Charter Schools:**

The update to the Charter Per Pupil amount and thus the local revenue representation amounts has been completed and incorporated into the March 2018 payments. The local revenue representation per pupil amount for charter schools is required to be updated from the initial to the final amount and used in the MFP formula allocations according to Louisiana Revised Statute 17:3995. The local revenue representation amount has been updated from the initial to the final calculation using two data sets: 1) estimated local revenues were replaced with actual local revenues received during the prior fiscal year and reported in each district’s FY2016-17 Annual Financial Report (AFR), and 2) February 1, 2017 student counts were replaced with the October 1, 2017 student counts as reported in the Student Information System (SIS). Note that the State share per pupil remains the same and continues to be based on the per pupil amount included in the FY2017-18 Budget Letter (Circular No. 1161) in effect since July 2017.

**MFP Budget Letter Tables (March 2018):**

As a result of the updates to the MFP formula calculations described above, the following tables and information from the July 2017 MFP Budget Letter have been revised and presented in the March 2018 Budget Letter:

* **Table 2- Distribution and Adjustments** 
  + - Provides the Total MFP State Share allocation for the city/parish school districts with Mid-Year Adjustments
    - Provides Total State Share allocation minus Mid-Year Adjustments and Final Charter Per Pupil Adjustments for other public schools
* **Table 2A-1 – MFP Transfer Amount - Annual**
  + - Provides the annual Total MFP State Share allocation amount (from Table 2) for the city/parish school systems net of the local revenue representation due to the other public schools (Type 5 Charter schools/Recovery School District, Type 1, 3, and 3B Charter Schools in Orleans Parish, New Type 2 Charter Schools and the Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ))
* **Table 2A-2 (MFP Transfer Amount)(Monthly Basis)**
  + - Provides the monthly Total MFP allocation amount (from Table 2) for the city/parish school systems minus the local revenue representation due to the other public schools
* **Table 4 - Level 4 Supplementary Allocations**

* The following tables are provided detailing the revised MFP allocations inclusive of the 2017-18 Mid-Year Adjustments:
  + - **Table 5A1 - LSU and Southern Lab School Allocation**
    - **Table 5A2 – Legacy Type 2 Charter Schools Allocation**
    - **Table 5A3 – Office of Juvenile Justice (OJJ) Allocation**
    - **Table 5A4 – New Orleans Center for Creative Arts (NOCCA) Allocation**
    - **Table 5A5 - LA School for Math, Science and the Arts (LSMSA) Allocation**
    - **Table 5A6 – THRIVE State School Allocation**
* The following tables are provided detailing the revised MFP allocations inclusive of the 2017-18 Mid-Year Adjustments and the update from the Initial to the Final Charter Per Pupil:
  + - **Table 5B1 – Type 5 Charter Schools/RSD Orleans**
    - **Table 5B1A** **- Type 1, 3, and 3B Charter Schools, Orleans**
      * Note: The RSD Orleans State Share Allocation for Type 1, 2, 3, 3B and 5 Charter Schools in Orleans Parish participating in the District Level Funding was not updated in March. The revised allocations will be provided in April inclusive of the Final District Level Funding Allocation provided to the LDOE.
    - **Table 5B2 - Type 5 Charter School/RSD LA Allocations**
    - **Table 5C1- New Type 2 Charter Schools**

If you have any questions regarding this information, you may email [LDOEMFPHelpdesk@la.gov](mailto:LDOEMFPHelpdesk@la.gov) or call the Department's toll-free number at 1-877-453-2721.

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