



State of Wisconsin
Department of Public Instruction

Elizabeth Burmaster, State Superintendent

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To: School District Administrators

From: David Carlson, Director
School Financial Services Team

Re: 2008-09 July 1 General Aid Estimate
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2008-09 July 1 General Aid Estimate

Enclosed please find the July 1 estimate, per s. 121.15(4)(b), Wis. Stats., of your district's 2008-09 general state aid. General state aid is defined as equalization, special adjustment, and special transfer (Chapter 220) aid. This estimate is based upon data from the following sources:

1. Audited 2007-08 membership reports on file at the department. The online detail membership report is found on each district's home page within the School Financial Services Reporting Portal on the team's home web page.
2. Your district's May 2008 certification of 2007 School Aid values. These values do not reflect any reorganization value adjustments that become effective July 1, 2008. The adjusted values will be included on the October 15 certification of aid eligibility worksheet.
3. Shared cost data computed from your district's 2007-08 PI 1504 Budget Report as of June 19, 2008.
4. General equalization aid funding of \$4,799,501,900.

Note that this aid calculation is an estimate. The department will certify your district's official general aid eligibility on October 15, using your district's 2007-08 PI 1505 Annual Report AC (Aid Certification) data as verified by school district auditors on the PI 1506 AC. The October 15 certification of aid should be used in the calculation of your district's 2008-09 revenue limit which the district uses to determine tax levies.

The July 1 aid estimate worksheets are available on the team's website under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar, under "Late Breaking Information" or directly at http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid_worksheets.html. A 2008-2009 Excel blank equalization aid worksheet with the July 1 guarantees is available under "Worksheets" on the left hand scan bar or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/workexe.html>.

2008-09 Revenue Limit Calculation Estimate

The 2008-09 Excel Revenue Limit calculation worksheet has been updated to incorporate the July 1 aid estimate on line 12A. Note that the data on line 12A will change when the department certifies your district's aid eligibility on October 15.

The 2008-09 worksheet also includes updated data from the 2007-08 Final Revenue Limit calculation. Updated data may include a revised 2008-09 base computation, revised prior year membership counts and/or eligible carryover from the 2007-08 computation, as reflected on line 8A. Finally, reported referenda amounts effective with the 2008-09 Revenue Limit calculation have been added to lines 8E and 10A.

Districts receiving High Poverty categorical aid under s. 121.136, Wis. Stats., must reduce their allowable tax levies by the amount of their aid (s. 121.90(2), Wis. Stats.). The Excel worksheet has been pre-populated on line 12B with the amount specific districts will receive. A listing of district aid eligibility is available on the team's website at http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/xls/aid_high_poverty_districts.xls.

The Excel worksheet is located under "District Budget Development and Planning" on the team's website, "Late Breaking Information" or directly at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/revlimworksheet.html>.

Reminder: This worksheet is provided as a guide. Districts are responsible for the calculation of their revenue limit.

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Date	Event
July 1	Due Date for Transfer of Service Requests (Paper Forms)
July 1	PI 1505 AC/PI 1505 Census Reports Open for Data Entry
July 1	PI 1506 AC Open for Data Entry (Auditors)
July 28	Delayed 2007-2008 Equalization Aid Payment/2007-2008 Computer Exemption Aid Payment
August 1	PI 1547 Pupil Transportation/PI 1505 Calendar Reports Due
August 22	PI 1505 Census Report Due
August 29	PI 1505 AC Report Due
September 5	Tentative Mailing: PI 1563 September Pupil Count Report Instructions; PI 1588 Supplemental Aid Program Report Instructions; PI 1547 Summer 2008 Transportation Report Instructions
September 5	PI 1505 SE (Special Education) Report Due
September 15	PI 1506 AC Due (Filed by District Auditor) September Equalization Aid and Sparsity Aid Payments
September 19	September Third Friday Count Date
October 1	PI 1505 Annual Report/PI 1524 State Tuition/PI 1804/1805 Summer School Report Due
October 3	PI 1563 Pupil Count Report Due

The School Financial Services team website address is <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/index.html>. Should you have additional questions, please contact one of the following finance team consultants:

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Enclosure: 2008-09 District General Aid Estimate
2008-09 Inter District Aid Estimate