**SCHOOL FINANCIAL SERVICES TEAM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – SCHOOL FINANCE BULLETIN #782, AUGUST 16, 2019**

**REMINDER – EARLY COLLEGE CREDIT PROGRAM:** As mentioned in School Finance Bulletin #769 on June 4, payments under the Early College Credit Program (ECCP) are booked as 2019-20 revenues, not as June 30 payables of 2018-19 revenues. The legal requirement to accept claims into July and the inability to determine payment amounts until all claims were in meant that ECCP revenues were not measurable and available in 2018-19. ECCP transactions are coded using WUFAR source 619 and project 445.

**SCHOOL FINANCE MAPS UPDATED:** DPI produces several maps showing how general state aids, revenue limits, and mill rates vary across the state. We have posted updated versions for 2018-19 to the SFS School Finance Maps page. These have a new color scheme designed for better accessibility for colorblind and visually impaired users. You can access our school finance maps at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/statistical/finance-maps/overview>

**HEARING ON SCOPE OF RULES FOR HIGH COST SPECIAL EDUCATION AID:** The Department of Public Instruction is holding a preliminary public hearing and comment period to consider promulgation of administrative rules under a statement of scope on an emergency and proposed permanent rule to amend Chapter PI 30, relating to clarifying high cost special education aid. The hearing will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, August 23, at DPI in Madison. More information is available at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/news/releases/2019/department-will-hold-hearing-related-clarifying-high-cost-special-education-aid>

**UPCOMING DUE DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:**

[**August 30:** PI-1505-AC 2018-19 Aid Certification Due]

[**September 13:** PI-1506-AC and FB Auditor Reports Due]

[**September 20:** PI-1505 and PI-1505-SE Annual Reports Due]

[**October 1:** PI-1547-SS 2019 Summer/Interim Transportation Report Due]

[**October 15:** DPI Certification of 2018-19 General School Aids]

**UPCOMING WASBO** [<https://www.wasbo.com>] **and WASDA** [<http://www.wasda.org>] **WORKSHOPS AND CONFERENCES:**

**WASBO School Business Office Professionals Conferences**

* October 17 – CESA 4, West Salem, WI
* November 20 – CESA 6, 7 and 8, Fox Valley Technical College, Appleton

**Fall 2019 Certified School Risk Managers Program (CSRM)** To learn more visit: <https://wasbo.com/riskmanagement>

* Fundamentals of Risk Management – September 18 – Madison
* Handling School Risks – September 19 – Madison
* Measuring School Risks – October 16 – Madison
* Funding School Risks – October 17 – Madison
* Administering School Risk – November 13 – Madison
* Crisis Prevention – November 14 – Madison

**WASBO Fall Conference**

* October 2 – Golf Fundraiser, Quit Qui Oc
* October 3-4 – The Osthoff Resort, Elkhart Lake

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**SCHOOL FINANCIAL SERVICES TEAM – DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION – SCHOOL FINANCE BULLETIN #781, AUGUST 8, 2019**

**SCHOOL CENSUS REPORT DUE:** The PI-1505-Census School Census Report for 2018-19 is due Friday, August 9. This report collects data on school district ages 4 to 20 for determining library aids paid with moneys from the Wisconsin Common School Fund.

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**SPARSITY AID FOR 2019-20 POSTED:** A listing of school districts eligible to receive Sparsity Aid this year, along with aid eligibility amounts, is now available. 142 districts are eligible to receive payments under this program in 2019-20, one fewer than last year. Districts with memberships of 745 or fewer, where the district’s membership divided by its area in square miles is less than 10, are eligible for the Sparsity Aid program.

Note: Areas in square miles may be different than were listed in past years. DPI is using a more accurate data source for Sparsity Aid determinations; we have confirmed that the change in data source is not impacting any district’s eligibility.

The Sparsity Aid eligibility listing is available at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/categorical/sparsity-aid-program>

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**HIGH POVERTY AID FOR 2019-20 AND 2020-21 AVAILABLE:** Eligibility and amounts for High Poverty Aid in both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school years have been determined and are now posted to the DPI website. High Poverty Aid is a general school aid that falls under the Revenue Limit. Districts with at least 50% of students in their Third Friday enrollments being economically disadvantaged are eligible for this program. Eligibility is determined with each state biennial budget and is in effect for both of that biennium’s school years.

The High Poverty Aid eligibility listing is available at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/categorical/aid-high-poverty-districts>

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