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163 local education agencies to receive High Cost Special Education Aid

MADISON — School districts across the state will receive High Cost Special Education Aid payments on June 20 to reimburse a portion of the costs associated with teaching students with significant disability-related needs.

The aid to be paid to 162 school districts and one County Children with Disabilities Education Board (CCDEB) totals \$5,754,103 for 951 students. Eligible costs are 70 percent of an individual student's actual, additional costs above \$30,000 not covered by other state and federal special education funding sources. Claims, based on services to students in the 2014-15 school year, were \$8,850,589, which required prorating aid at 65 percent of eligible costs.

Examples of required services eligible for High Cost Special Education Aid include paraprofessional support, attendant care, or an educational interpreter. Other types of eligible costs include providing an extended school year, orientation and mobility training, specialized transportation, tuition for placements, or specialized programming or equipment that would not be needed if the student left the district.

“Every child is entitled to a free appropriate public education,” said State Superintendent Tony Evers. “High Cost Special Education Aid provides welcome support to districts and allows them to better serve students with extraordinary needs.”

High Cost Special Education Aid this year is made up of \$3.5 million in state funding and \$2.25 million in federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) discretionary funds that Evers allocated to this purpose.

The separate funding stream for High Cost Special Education Aid started in the 2003-04 fiscal year with the allocation of \$2 million in federal IDEA discretionary funds. The 2006-07 fiscal year was the first in which state funds were budgeted to provide aid for students with high-cost special education needs. The 2015-17 state budget reduced the portion of a student's costs above \$30,000 that was eligible for reimbursement from 90 percent to 70 percent. The biennial budget also included an additional \$5 million for payments that will be available for claims submitted in the 2016-17 school year.

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NOTES: A list of High Cost Special Education Aid payments to local education agencies follows. More information about the High Cost Special Education Aid program can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/special-ed/high-cost>. This news release is available electronically at http://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2016_64.pdf.

High Cost Special Education Aid

June 20, 2016, Payments for Costs Incurred in the 2014-15 School Year – Prorated at 65% of Eligible Costs

A-C

Adams-Friendship Area School District, \$11,863
 Alma School District, \$1,991
 Antigo Unified School District, \$2,300
 Appleton Area School District, \$63,658
 Arcadia School District, \$16,564
 Arrowhead UHS District, \$485
 Ashland School District, \$21,273
 Ashwaubenon School District, \$2,715
 Auburndale School District, \$15,938
 Baraboo School District, \$36,700
 Beaver Dam Unified School District, \$9,755
 Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine School District, \$25,106
 Beloit School District, \$261,275
 Beloit Turner School District, \$17,342
 Benton School District, \$529
 Birchwood School District, \$22,068
 Black Hawk School District, \$6,154
 Boscobel Area School District, \$15,085
 Boyceville Community School District, \$18,627
 Brodhead School District, \$15,413
 Bruce School District, \$15,451
 Cadott Community School District, \$7,547
 Cameron School District, \$25,148
 Cedarburg School District, \$10,061
 Central/Westosha UHS District, \$39,328
 Clintonville School District, \$8,082
 Cochrane-Fountain City School District, \$28,975
 Colby School District, \$672
 Coleman School District, \$41,620
 Columbus School District, \$46,608

D-G

D C Everest Area School District, \$44,780
 De Soto Area School District, \$24,706
 Deerfield Community School District, \$8,026
 Dodgeville School District, \$56,813
 Elcho School District, \$21,714
 Eleva-Strum School District, \$12,732
 Ellsworth Community School District, \$10,156

Elmbrook School District, \$125,903
 Evansville Community School District, \$26,499
 Fall Creek School District, \$5,513
 Fond du Lac School District, \$88,354
 Fort Atkinson School District, \$51,466
 Fox Point J2 School District, \$8,396
 Franklin Public School District, \$39,720
 Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau School District, \$17,645
 Genoa City J2 School District, \$16,447
 Green Bay Area Public School District, \$102,949
 Greendale School District, \$8,132
 Greenfield School District, \$19,068
 Greenwood School District, \$13,728

H-M

Hamilton School District, \$22,697
 Highland School District, \$8,851
 Hillsboro School District, \$13,310
 Holmen School District, \$48,325
 Horicon School District, \$5,968
 Hortonville Area School District, \$34,024
 Howard-Suamico School District, \$8,765
 Hudson School District, \$50,085
 Janesville School District, \$52,953
 Jefferson School District, \$1,425
 Kenosha Unified School District, \$265,573
 Kettle Moraine School District, \$79,427
 Kewaskum School District, \$24,438
 Kohler School District, \$13,396
 La Crosse School District, \$14,635
 Lac du Flambeau #1 School District, \$56,781
 Lake Country School District, \$2,604
 Lake Geneva J1 School District, \$29,578
 Lancaster Community School District, \$40,644
 Lodi School District, \$20,090
 Lomira School District, \$15,917
 Luxemburg-Casco School District, \$24,822
 Madison Metropolitan School District, \$944,381
 Manitowoc School District, \$6,104
 Marshall School District, \$9,721

Marshfield Unified School District, \$13,772
Mauston School District, \$20,415
McFarland School District, \$29,946
Medford Area Public School District, \$9,721
Melrose-Mindoro School District, \$10,457
Menasha Joint School District, \$12,534
Menomonie Area School District, \$6,292
Mequon-Thiensville School District, \$46,931
Middleton-Cross Plains Area School District, \$65,723
Milton School District, \$31,914
Milwaukee School District, \$41,033
Mineral Point Unified School District, \$32,473
Minocqua J1 School District, \$1,504
Mishicot School District, \$3,375
Mondovi School District, \$714
Monroe School District, \$34,042
Mosinee School District, \$9,031
Mukwonago School District, \$44,679
Muskego-Norway School District, \$53,995

N-R

Necedah Area School District, \$14,111
New Glarus School District, \$6,264
New Richmond School District, \$17,462
Niagara School District, \$6,280
Nicolet UHS District, \$146,290
Northland Pines School District, \$4,463
Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District, \$51,093
Oconomowoc Area School District, \$28,028
Oconto Falls Public School District, \$7,371
Onalaska School District, \$16,492
Oregon School District, \$11,243
Osceola School District, \$23,379
Oshkosh Area School District, \$85,512
Osseo-Fairchild School District, \$16,378
Pardeeville Area School District, \$14,392
Paris J1 School District, \$7,955
Port Washington-Saukville School District, \$27,959
Portage Community School District, \$15,959
Pulaski Community School District, \$28,215
Racine Unified School District, \$213,762
Randall J1 School District, \$16,927
Reedsburg School District, \$23,090
Rib Lake School District, \$5,981
Rice Lake Area School District, \$3,544
Richland School District, \$7,127

Ripon Area School District, \$2,272
River Falls School District, \$13,395
River Ridge School District, \$18,285
Riverdale School District, \$2,682
Rosholt School District, \$1,783

S-W

Saint Croix Central School District, \$22,987
Saint Croix Falls School District, \$8,785
Salem School District, \$31,999
Sevastopol School District, \$4,126
Seymour Community School District, \$2,406
Sheboygan Area School District, \$35,751
Sheboygan Falls School District, \$8,611
Shell Lake School District, \$721
Siren School District, \$11,250
Slinger School District, \$19,877
Solon Springs School District, \$9,340
South Milwaukee School District, \$30,829
Spring Valley School District, \$3,473
Stanley-Boyd Area School District, \$10,096
Stevens Point Area Public School District, \$90,528
Stoughton Area School District, \$19,666
Sun Prairie Area School District, \$70,123
Three Lakes School District, \$9,535
Tomah Area School District, \$17,715
Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated School District, \$1,228
Union Grove J1 School District, \$31,729
Unity School District, \$4,449
Verona Area School District, \$112,948
Viroqua Area School District, \$27,191
Walworth County CDEB, \$142,620
Waterloo School District, \$227
Waukesha School District, \$58,397
Wausau School District, \$20,603
Wauwatosa School District, \$53,153
West Allis-West Milwaukee School District, \$28,722
West Bend School District, \$36,018
West De Pere School District, \$44,046
Wheatland J1 School District, \$10,161
Whitefish Bay School District, \$106,980
Whitewater Unified School District, \$4,260
Whitnall School District, \$33,446
Wilmot UHS District, \$15,580
Winneconne Community School District, \$18,857
Wonewoc-Union Center School District, \$3,831