

January 6, 2020

Dear District Administrator:

The [Special Education Transition Incentive Grant](#) is a categorical aid program created under 2015 Act 55 to incentivize positive post school outcomes for students with disabilities. The 2016-17 school year was the first year for which aid was paid under this grant program and will be available through the 2020-21 school year. Beginning with the 2019-20 survey year, Wisconsin State Statute [115.884](#) specifies that each district is eligible to earn up to \$1,500 for each student whose response to the Indicator 14 survey indicates that they met the specified postsecondary education/paid work outcome criteria. If state funds are insufficient to cover the full cost of all eligible survey responses, payments to recipients will be prorated. In 2019, there were 3,327 eligible responses and payments were funded at \$1,082.05 per eligible response. For more information on the Transition Incentive aid's impact on IDEA MOE compliance, please see this [additional guidance](#).

Districts are required to participate in the Indicator 14 survey once every five years as part of the sampling cyclical indicator process. Districts are also required to repeat the survey if a response rate below 20 percent was achieved in a required survey year. Each year, the remaining districts and 2r charter schools with a secondary population are also invited to participate in the Indicator 14 survey. **Both required and elective year districts are eligible to receive Transition Incentive Grant funds for applicable survey responses.**

To participate in the 2020 Indicator 14 survey, districts will need to indicate their decision via the Indicator 14 website no later than March 1, 2020. During the week of January 6, 2020, the Director of Special Education will receive an email from Jenny Jacobs, Statewide Indicator 14 coordinator. This email will contain directions for electing to participate in the survey as well as link to the application via indicator14wi.org. Districts in a required survey year will have the option to conduct their own surveys utilizing Indicator 14 interviewer-trained staff or elect to have St. Norbert College Strategic Research Institute (SRI) contact students on behalf of and at no cost to the district. Districts in an elective survey year will also have these options; however, the costs of SRI conducted surveys will be the responsibility of the district.

If you have any questions regarding the Transition Incentive Grant or the Indicator 14 survey please feel free to reach out to Alicia Reinhard, Statewide Transition and Graduation Consultant or Jenny Jacobs, Statewide Indicator 14 Coordinator.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Thompson".

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