**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.

Questions: Roger Kordus, roger.kordus@dpi.wi.gov, 608-267-3752.

**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>

Questions: dpifin@dpi.wi.gov, 608-267-9114.

**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>

Questions: dpifin@dpi.wi.gov, 608-267-9114.

**UPCOMING DUE DATES AND OTHER EVENTS:**

[**August 9:** PI-1505-Census 2018-19 Census Report Due]

[**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**

* August 15 – CESA 3, Fennimore, WI
* 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 #780, AUGUST 1, 2019**

**2018-19 SCHOOL CALENDAR REPORTS OVERDUE:** As of 9 o’clock this morning there were 34 districts/LEAs that had not submitted their 2018-19 PI-1505-Calendar reports. The due date for these reports was Friday, July 26. If you are having problems accessing the PI-1505-Calendar report, please email dpifin@dpi.wi.gov. Be sure to include the district/LEA and who, specifically, cannot access it.

**GASB 84 UPDATE:** We have reviewed the feedback provided by districts and auditors on our draft WUFAR changes related to GASB 84—our thanks to those who responded. There is a clarification to the descriptions for coding administrative and investment costs in Fund 60. Updated versions of the “pre-revision” account updates and journal entry template are available at:

<https://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/finances/wufar/overview>

We understand that GASB 84 poses different implementation challenges depending on how custodial funds are currently handled and how far along a district is in the longstanding Fund 60 “cleanup” process. GASB’s purpose in issuing this statement is to provide better clarity on how administrative involvement and other factors affect the classification and reporting of scholarship, activity, and other custodial funds. Our goal for these WUFAR changes is to implement the GASB 84 standard and meet federal reporting obligations with as concise a set of accounting changes as possible.

**PI-1505 ADDENDUM A82 (COMMON SCHOOL FUND) ISSUE:** Some districts have reported an issue completing Addendum A82, on the use of Common School Fund money for school libraries, in their PI-1505 Annual Reports. The issue relates to the checkbox acknowledging the requirement for use of funds. We have a fix in place, but if you modify your entries in Addendum A82 please make sure the box is rechecked as you save.

We have been resolving other minor data issues with the PI-1505. As a reminder, if you notice a potential bug or data error, please email dpifin@dpi.wi.gov with your name, district, where you ran into the issue, as well as a screenshot if possible.