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Date: August 30, 2002

To: District Administrators and other Interested Parties

From: Anthony S. Evers  
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Re: Challenge Academy Funding

The Budget Adjustment Act (2001 Act 109) signed by Governor McCallum this summer made changes on how students who attend the National Guard's Challenge Academy at Fort McCoy will be funded. As a result of the changes, school districts with Challenge Academy cadets must contribute a portion of the costs for students enrolled in the Challenge Academy from their district. That funding will serve as a 40% match for funding from the federal government. Provision is made for the district to count the cadets for equalization aid and revenue limit purposes.

The department, in conjunction with the Department of Military Affairs, has developed the attached guidance document to assist school districts in implementing this change in the law. The document includes a copy of the relevant statutes, timelines and contact information for any questions that you or your staff may have about the new requirements.

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