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To: Superintendents, Business Managers, Special Education Directors, County Superintendents, Directors of Residential Facilities

From: Jerry Coleman  
 Director - School Finance

Date: June 12, 2014

Re: School district responsibility for student costs during the 2014-2015 school year

The following amounts will be used for the 2014-2015 school year to determine the school district responsibility (cost cap) for the education of resident students. For special education students, the school district incurs the full cost based upon an approved contract and is then reimbursed for amounts in excess of the cost cap. For regular education students attending residential treatment facilities, the Department of Public Instruction will pay the excess cost and the district of residence will only be responsible for the state average cost.

|  | 2013-2014<br>Cost Cap <sup>1</sup> | 2014-2015<br>Cost Cap | 2014-2015<br>Daily Rate <sup>2</sup> |
|--|------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Special education students placed by district<br>(based on 4 times the state average cost)                             |                                    |                       |                                      |
| Elementary (grades 1-8)  | \$40,436.76                        | \$41,584.72           | \$228.49 / day                       |
| Secondary (grades 9-12)  | \$43,967.96                        | \$45,351.92           | \$249.19 / day                       |
| Regular and special education students placed for<br>reasons other than education (based on the state<br>average cost) |                                    |                       |                                      |
| Elementary (grades 1-8)  | \$10,109.19                        | \$10,396.18           | \$57.12 / day                        |
| Secondary (grades 9-12)  | \$10,991.99                        | \$11,337.98           | \$62.30 / day                        |
| Capital outlay used for tuition purposes   | \$812.52                           | \$868.17              |                                      |

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Coleman at (701) 328-4051.

<sup>1</sup>For comparison purposes only.

<sup>2</sup>Based on 182 day calendar year.