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To: Chief School Administrators, Board Secretaries/School Business Administrators
From: Amanda Schultz, Director, Office of Budget and Accounting

Federal Programs: Pension and Social Security Reimbursement to State of New Jersey for Contributions Paid by the State

The Department of Education’s Office of Budget and Accounting has been notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits that the State payment to the Teacher’s Pension and Annuity Fund for Fiscal Year 2019-20 will be 28.34 percent.

The reporting form for Title I and other Federal programs is available on the Department of Education’s Finance webpage, under the “Most Requested Items” section. The form will show the 2019-20 final pension rate and social security rate for calendar year 2019 of 7.65 percent of the first $132,900 and 1.45 percent for gross wages in excess of $132,900. For calendar year 2020, the rate is 7.65 percent of the first $137,700 and 1.45 percent for gross wages in excess of $137,700.

In accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:66-90, the above rates must be used when budgeting for Title I and other Federal Programs for FY 20. Your school district will be notified by the Public Employees’ Retirement System if a payment is due for P.E.R.S. members. Please disseminate this information to your program directors so that the necessary budget revisions can be made prior to June 30, 2020.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Budget and Accounting at (609) 376-3940.

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