



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 17, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
From: Allen Dupree, Director
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2019-2020 Special Education Extraordinary Aid (EXAID)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) anticipates that the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Act will include \$250 million of Extraordinary Special Education Aid to reimburse districts for costs incurred in FY 2020 (the 2019-20 school year). The preliminary award notices are available through the "School Aid" link on the New Jersey Department of Education's [Homeroom](#) webpage.

The award is based upon an individual student's primary placement in one of three categories:

1. *Student educated in a public school program with non-disabled peers:* For those direct instructional and support services costs in excess of \$40,000, a district shall receive aid equal to 90 percent of the amount of that excess.
2. *Student educated in a public school with only disabled peers:* For those direct instructional and support services costs in excess of \$40,000, a district shall receive aid equal to 75 percent of the amount of that excess.
3. *Student educated in a private school:* For tuition costs in excess of \$55,000, a district shall receive aid equal to 75 percent of the amount of that excess.

The final award amount was then prorated (as shown on Line F of the notice) to arrive at a payment amount. The award amount is preliminary and subject to the provisions of the Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Act once it is enacted.

Districts can expect the cash payment to be made through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) in October 2020 (FY 2021). Reimbursement funds should be recorded as revenue and a receivable in your district's detailed general ledger for FY 2020 as "Extraordinary Aid" in revenue account 10-3131. Extraordinary Aid amounts that can be clearly documented as having not been appropriated during FY 2020 may be used as an allowable adjustment for the audited excess surplus calculation, and in accordance with *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)6*, you may also appropriate that amount in the next fiscal year (the 2020-21 school year) without approval from the Commissioner of Education.

All funds received by your district may be subject to later statutory and single audits. If you have questions or concerns regarding this letter or reimbursements, please email exaid@doe.nj.gov.

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