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Updated State Aid Notices Now Available

Updated State aid notices for the 2020-21 school year can now be found under "School Aid" in the New Jersey Department of Education's (NJDOE) [Homerom](#) online portal.

The recently amended *School Funding Reform Act* includes certain exemptions from the state aid reductions for districts based on each district's equalized total tax rate compared to the statewide average. State law requires the state to use municipal tax data for the most recently available calendar year to determine eligibility for these reductions. Determining whether a district is eligible for these exemptions is the only effect that local tax effort has on a district's proposed state aid allocation under SFRA.

On February 25, the date Governor Phil Murphy delivered his FY2021 budget message, 2018 tax rate data was the most recent available calendar year. To meet our legal obligation to provide school districts with proposed state aid notices within two days of the governor's budget message, the NJDOE utilized 2018 tax rate data.

Yesterday, the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs finalized the 2019 tax rate data and has made this information available on its [website](#).

Today, the NJDOE is providing all school districts with updated state aid notices based on the 2019 tax data. Please be aware that using the updated tax data resulted in a change to the projected FY2021 state aid for only one district, which has been separately notified.

For information and resources regarding the 2020-21 budget process, refer to the NJDOE's [Districtwide Budget](#) webpage. Contact your [County Office of Education](#) with questions.

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