



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: October 7, 2020
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
From: Allen Dupree, Director
Office of School Finance
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2019-20 Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid (Exaid)

The Fiscal Year 2021 Appropriations Act includes \$275 million of Extraordinary Special Education Aid to reimburse districts for costs incurred in FY 2020 (i.e., the 2019-20 school year). This represents an increase of \$25 million relative to the amount used to calculate districts' awards in the initial notices. The revised award notices are available through the "School Aid" link on the New Jersey Department of Education's [Homeroom](#) webpage.

The award is based upon the 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.

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 (2020-21) without approval from the Commissioner.

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

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