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To: Local Educational Agency Leads

From: Allen Dupree, Director

Office of School Finance

Division of Finance and Business Services

## 2021-2022 Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid (EXAID)

The Fiscal Year 2023 Appropriations Act includes \$420 million of Extraordinary Special Education Aid to reimburse districts for costs incurred in FY 2022 (i.e., the 2021-2022 school year). The 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.

Districts can expect the payment to be made through the Automated Clearing House (ACH) in September. Reimbursement funds should be recorded as revenue and a receivable in your district's detailed general ledger for FY 2022 as "Extraordinary Aid" in revenue account 10-3131. Extraordinary Aid amounts that can be clearly documented as having not been appropriated during FY 2022 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 (2022-2023) without approval from the Education 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 <a href="mailto:exaid@doe.nj.gov">exaid@doe.nj.gov</a>.

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