



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

Date: July 26, 2018
To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School and Renaissance School Project Leads
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2017-18 Application for Special Education Extraordinary Aid (EXAID)

The Fiscal Year 2019 Appropriations Act includes \$195 million of Extraordinary Special Education Aid to reimburse districts for costs incurred in FY 2018 (i.e., the 2017-18 school year). The award notices are available through "School Aid" link on the New Jersey Department of Education's [Homerom](#) 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 by 50.12 percent 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 2018 as "Extraordinary Aid" in revenue account 10-3131. Cash payment will occur in FY 2019. Extraordinary Aid amounts that can be clearly documented as having not been appropriated during FY 2018 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 (2018-19) 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 exaid@doe.nj.gov.

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