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To: Chief School Administrators

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From: Amanda Schultz, Director, Office of Budget and Accounting

Federal Programs: Pension & Social Security Reimbursement to State of New Jersey for Contributions Paid by the State

The Department of Education, Office of Budget and Accounting has been notified by the Division of Pensions and Benefits that the State payment to the Teacher's Pension and Annuity Fund for Fiscal Year 2018-19 will be **27.50** percent.

The Department of Education will post the <u>reporting form</u> online for Title I and other Federal programs this month. The form will show the 2018-19 final pension rate and Social Security rate for calendar year 2018 of **7.65** percent of the first \$128,400 and **1.45** percent for gross wages in excess of \$128,400. For calendar year 2019, the rate is **7.65** percent of the first \$132,900 and **1.45** percent for gross wages in excess of \$132,900.

In accordance with *N.J.S.A.* 18A:66-90, the above rates must be used when budgeting for Title I and other Federal Programs for FY19. Your school district will be notified by the Public Employees' Retirement System if a payment is due for PERS members. Please disseminate this information to your program directors so that the necessary budget revisions can be made prior to June 30, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of Budget and Accounting at (609) 376-3940.

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