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News Advisory DOE Updates School Cost Tables

New Jersey Department of Education officials today released an updated appendix to the <u>Report on the Cost of Education</u>, originally issued in December, 2006.

Specific changes include the updating of fiscal information to include more current data from the 2005-06 fiscal year and an adjustment in methodology that allows certain weights associated with the costs of English language learner programs and other programs that serve at-risk students to vary with the size of a school district.

The updated tables can be accessed here: http://www.nj.gov/njded/sff/appendix/

The *Report on the Cost of Education*, prepared by DOE and the national consulting firm of Augenblick, Palaich and Associates, was designed to calculate the costs that New Jersey school districts face in meeting state performance and accountability standards.

Commissioner of Education Lucille E. Davy is currently holding a series of hearings on the report throughout the state. The next hearings will be held on January 24 and 25 in Gloucester County, Mercer County and Hudson County. For more information or to register to testify at the hearings, click here: http://www.nj.gov/njded/news/2007/0117sff.htm.