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- TO: School Corporation/Charter School Treasurers/Business Managers
- FROM: Melissa K. Ambre, Director Office of School Finance
- DATE: December 15, 2017
- **SUBJECT:** FY2018 State Tuition Support

The Office of School Finance has updated data for the Career and Technical Education Grant and Honors Grant and recalculated the FY2018 estimate of state tuition support distributions for school corporations and charter schools. The FY2018 State Tuition Support worksheet reflects the updates and can be viewed and printed from the School Finance Application Center. Reviewing the worksheet will afford you the opportunity to review the individual data variables used in the calculations. The site may be accessed at <u>https://stateaid.doe.in.gov/</u>. This is a secure site and will require a login and password. The login is the 4-digit corporation number and the password is the corporation PIN. **The Form 54 Monthly Distribution information will be available on December 15.** 

The December 15, 2017, State Tuition Support payment reflects actual September 2017 membership count, actual counts for both Career and Technical Education and the Honors Grants, and continued use of the December 1, 2016 special education counts. The Department will include updated special education counts as part of the February 2018 payment.

The Form 54 continues to reflect Veterans Memorial Fund and Common School Fund Ioan repayment amounts for July to December 2017. The Department will update Ioan repayment amounts for the second half of the fiscal year (January to June 2018) as part of the January 2018 State Tuition Support payment.

Additionally, the Department anticipates adjusting State Tuition Support payments beginning in January 2018 because the projections indicate that the estimated distribution amounts needed for all recipients will exceed the amount appropriated by the State Legislature for Tuition Support. The Department will continue to adjust the February through June payments to remain within the FY2018 Tuition Support cap. In the next few weeks, the Department will complete its review of the updated data and make a preliminary determination as to the reduction amount. The Department will revisit the adjustment each month to ensure total distributions to all recipients (tuition support, Choice Scholarships, and the Mitch Daniels Early Graduation Scholarship) do not exceed the FY2018 appropriation. (See attached November memo). We will continue to work with the General Assembly exploring options while updating adjustments as our data collections continue. If the General Assembly takes action and appropriates additional funding we will make adjustments as quickly as we can to work the new appropriations into payments.

If you have questions about this information, please contact Amy Pattison, Assistant Director, at <u>apattison@doe.in.gov</u> or me at <u>mambre@doe.in.gov</u>.