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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Directors
District Technical Center Directors

FROM: Rod Duckworth 

DATE: June 27, 2014

SUBJECT: Allocation of Funds in Specific Appropriation 115, 2013-14

The Florida Department of Education has completed the final disbursements for all funds in Specific Appropriation 115 from the 2013 General Appropriations Act (Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida). The following statutory guidelines are specified for the distribution of these funds for performance incentives:

Funds in Specific Appropriation 115 shall be provided by the Department of Education to district workforce education programs for students who earn industry certifications during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Funding shall be based on students who earn industry certifications in the following occupational areas: automotive service technology, cyber security, cloud virtualization, advanced manufacturing, and welding; or, industry certifications for Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics and power plant mechanics; pharmacy technicians; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians.

For the performance funding allocation for industry certification attainment, the funding amounts are specified as follows in Section 1011.80 (6)(b), Florida Statutes:

Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each industry certification earned by a workforce education student.

As provided for in the proviso language, any funds not distributed on the basis of the industry certification attainment must be distributed as follows:

On June 1, 2014, if any funds remain, the balance shall be allocated based on each district's share of the targeted career and technical education funding provided in Specific Appropriation 117A and shall be spent for the purpose of that appropriation.

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The remaining funds must be spent by the district for the same purpose specified in Specific Appropriation 117A. See the following proviso language for that appropriation:

Funds in Specific Appropriation 117A shall be provided to district workforce education programs to expand, enhance, or develop program offerings that will lead to industry certifications in the following occupational areas: automotive service technology, cyber security, cloud virtualization, advanced manufacturing, and welding; or, industry certifications for Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics and power plant mechanics; pharmacy technicians; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians.

Based on the above requirements, districts have been disbursed funds for the following:

- \$1,505,000 for 2013-14 industry certifications earned in the selected occupational areas
- \$3,477,722 for Targeted CTE/Industry Certification Funds

See Attachment 1 for a summary of all funds disbursed by district for each of these funding categories. These funds were disbursed during three payment periods to districts: March 26, May 23 and June 26. Attachment 2 provides a summary of the funds disbursed for each of these payment periods. If you have questions about the disbursement of these funds to district workforce education programs, please contact your district finance office.

If you have any other questions, please contact Tara Goodman at tara.goodman@fldoe.org or 850-245-9002.

RD/tg

Attachment

cc: Linda Champion