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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Technical Center Directors

FROM: Rod Duckworth 

DATE: May 27, 2014

SUBJECT: **Final Allocation of performance-based incentive funds from Specific Appropriation 115 from the 2013 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

The Florida Department of Education has completed the final allocation of the 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.

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. The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to \$15 million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

The attachments provide a summary of the performance-based incentive funds that were distributed to districts on May 23, 2014. The following documents are provided that summarize the district allocations based on data reporting to date:

- Attachment 1 – Funding Allocation by District
 - The report summarizes the total number of eligible industry certifications and the funding allocation provided for each school district.
- Attachment 2 – Funding Allocation Detail by District and Industry Certification
 - The report provides details on the number of funded industry certifications by district and certification code/title.

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To be included in the calculation, the industry certification reported had to meet the following criteria:

- Be included on the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List and denoted as eligible for performance funding on the list.
- Be reported in the 2013-14 reporting survey for the first time.
- Be reported for a student enrolled in a career certificate, applied technology diploma, and/or apprenticeship program in the 2013-14 reporting year.

Districts have access to student level reports which provide information on the students and certifications that generated the incentive funds. The file at Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) with the student level industry certification/TSA information is named DPS<district number>.JU.FUNDCERT.Y1314FW where <district number> is the district's two-digit district identifier (for example, 01). Northwest Regional Data Center files may be downloaded by district MIS staff with security access. To assist in identifying your district reports coordinator, please visit the following website: <http://data.fldoe.org/ccdir/DistAssignments.cfm>.

The final allocation is based on data reported in surveys F, W, and S of the Workforce Development Information System through May 9, 2014. The 2014 General Appropriations Act includes a provision to allow for performance funding in the 2014-15 allocation for certifications that were not reported prior to the May 9 cut-off date for the 2013-14 allocation.

Since the final calculation only allocated a portion of the appropriated funds for industry certification, the remaining funds will be disbursed in June using the allocation methodology specified in the 2013 General Appropriation Act (GAA) as follows:

- Funds are allocated based on each district's share of the targeted career and technical education funding provided in Specific Appropriation 117A
- Funds must be spent for the purpose of Specific Appropriation 117A

If you have questions about the disbursement of these funds to district workforce education program, please contact your district finance office. If you have any questions about the calculated allocation, please contact Tara Goodman at 850-245-9002 or at tara.goodman@fldoe.org. If you have questions about the student level reports, please contact Bruce Harrington at bruce.harrington@fldoe.org.

RD/tg

Attachments

cc: Linda Champion