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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
District Technical Center Directors

FROM: Henry Mack, Chancellor, Career and Adult Education 

DATE: November 20, 2020

SUBJECT: **Allocation of Performance-based Incentive Funds for Industry Certification Attainment from Specific Appropriations 124 from the 2020 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

The Florida Department of Education has completed disbursing the allocation of postsecondary performance-based incentive funds for industry certification attainment that are provided in Specific Appropriation 124 from the 2020 General Appropriations Act ([Chapter 2019-115, Laws of Florida](#)). The following statutory guidelines are specified for the distribution of these funds for performance-based incentives:

Funds in Specific Appropriation 124 shall be provided by the Department of Education to district workforce education programs for students who earned industry certifications during the 2019-2020 academic year. Funding shall be based on students who earned industry certifications in the following occupational areas: health science to include surgical technology, orthopedic technology, dental assisting technology, practical nursing, medical coder/biller, medical assisting, certified nursing assistant, emergency medical technician and paramedic, clinical lab technician, EKG technician, pharmacy technician, and clinical hemodialysis technician; automotive service technology; auto collision repair and refinishing; medium/heavy duty truck technician; cyber security; cloud virtualization; network support services; computer programming; computer-aided drafting; advanced manufacturing; electrician; plumbing; public safety; welding; Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics and power plant mechanics; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technician.

As you may know, these performance funds shall not be awarded for certifications earned through continuing workforce education programs. School districts shall maintain documentation for student attainment of industry certifications that are eligible for performance funding. The Auditor General shall verify compliance with this requirement during scheduled operational audits of the school districts. If a district is unable to comply, the district shall refund the performance funding to the state.

The performance funding allocation is disbursed in two payments to the districts. The first payment was November 10, 2020, and the second payment is scheduled for April 2021. Section 1011.80 (6)(b), Florida

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

The attached document provides a summary of the performance-based incentive funds that will be disbursed to districts during the 2020-21 fiscal year. The report summarizes the total funded industry certifications and the allocation provided for each school district. Note the payment amounts for November and April in columns 3 and 4 of the table.

Districts have access to student-level reports which provide information on the students and certifications that generated the incentive funds. To access the file, log into TIBCO and access the file in the PERA/Out folder. The files are available in your District PERA TIBCO folder with the following file name: DISTx or DISTxx._FUNDED_CERTS_1920.XLS where the x or xx indicates your actual district number. The file format is as follows:

District	\$1-2
Stuid	\$3-12
Ind Cert Code	\$13-20
Cert Title	\$21-115
last_name	\$116-132
first_name	\$133-147

The student-level file will be placed in the TIBCO folder. However, placement in this location is temporary. Your assigned district staff must retrieve this file within 7-10 business days in order to have access.

If you are not familiar with the TIBCO process, please contact your local staff. To contact your institutional personnel that have access to TIBCO, please go to <https://portal.fldoeso.org/PORTAL/Sign-On/Resources/Support.aspx>. The support page will provide your institution’s support information. You may search by your district name.

Please review these student level reports to ensure that your district has correctly reported industry certifications that were eligible for funding. If your district has received funds for certifications that should not have been funded, please contact Tara Goodman at tara.goodman@fldoe.org immediately.

Summary reports are also available to districts. Upon request of the district, the Division of Career and Adult Education will provide a report to each district with information on the funded certifications by certification code and category. Please contact Tara Goodman at tara.goodman@fldoe.org to request a report.

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If you have questions about the disbursement of these funds to your district workforce education program, please contact your district finance office. The documentation in the electronic funds transfer will have a revenue account of 3317. You may reference this account number when consulting with your district's finance staff.

If you have any questions about the calculated allocation, please contact Tara Goodman at 850-245-9001 or at tara.goodman@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

cc:Suzanne Pridgeon