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Virginia Department of Education
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DATE: March 2, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: House and Senate Amendments to HB 29/SB 29 and HB 30/SB 30

On February 20, 2022, the Senate Finance and Appropriations and House Appropriations Committees adopted separate changes to the amended fiscal year (FY) 2022 budget (reference [Superintendent's Memorandum #325-21](#), dated December 17, 2021), as well as separate changes to the 2022-2024 biennial budget as introduced by former Governor Northam (reference [Superintendent's Memorandum #326-21](#), dated December 17, 2021). The budget recommendations of the Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee were adopted by the full membership of the Senate and the budget recommendations of the House Appropriations Committee were adopted separately by the full membership of the House of Delegates on February 24, 2022. The adopted changes affect FY 2022, 2023, and 2024. FY 2022 began on July 1, 2021, and ends on June 30, 2022. FY 2023 will begin on July 1, 2022, and end on June 30, 2023. FY 2024 will begin on July 1, 2023, and end on June 30, 2024.

The respective budget amendments proposed by the House of Delegates and by the Senate change the FY 2022 budget (House Bill (HB) 29/Senate Bill (SB) 29) and the 2022-2024 biennial budget (HB 30/SB 30) as introduced in the Governor's budgets. The attachments and links within this memorandum provide information on the changes separately adopted by the House of Delegates and by the Senate. Unless changes are specifically noted in the attachments, the Governor's proposed amendments contained in the introduced versions of HB 29/SB 29 and HB 30/SB 30 were adopted by both chambers.

Attachment A to this memorandum provides detailed information on the funding changes proposed by the House of Delegates and by the Senate for the Governor's amended FY 2022 budget (HB 29/SB 29) that impact the Direct Aid to Public Education and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Central Office budgets.

Attachment B to this memorandum provides detailed information on the funding changes proposed by the House of Delegates and by the Senate for the Governor's introduced 2022-2024 biennial budget (HB 30/SB 30) that impact the Direct Aid to Public Education and the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) Central Office budgets.

Four downloadable Excel files have been created to assist school divisions in calculating projected state payments and required local matches in FY 2022, 2023, and 2024 for most Direct Aid programs. These files give divisions the opportunity to change average daily membership (ADM) to test the effect on projected state funding and local match requirements using VDOE projected ADM or a local projection of ADM. Although the VDOE ADM projections are historically accurate on a statewide basis, VDOE cannot anticipate all factors in each division that may impact enrollment. It may be necessary for divisions to use their own projections instead of the projections provided by VDOE. Divisions are encouraged to substitute their ADM estimates for those provided in this memorandum when using the Excel calculation files if they feel their local projections of enrollment are more accurate.

Please note that changing the ADM values in the Excel files only changes the estimated funding for accounts that are funded on the basis of ADM as described on the "Enrollment Projections" worksheet; the estimated funding for all other accounts is unaffected by changing ADM in the Excel files and, therefore, remain the same. Also, for each fiscal year, the amount of semi-monthly SOQ account payments is based only on the House of Delegates' and Senate's adopted budget projections of March 31 ADM, pending the recalculation of payments based on final March 31 ADM at the end of each fiscal year and subject to available state appropriations. Changing the ADM in the Excel files does not impact the current payments that are made to divisions. Final payments to divisions for FY 2022 will be updated and based on March 31, 2022, ADM and other final program participation information. The final FY 2022 payments based on actual data will be communicated to school divisions by a separate Superintendent's Memorandum later this year. Actual FY 2023 and 2024 payments will not be finalized until after a similar process is followed next year. In addition to ADM, the

“Enrollment Projections” worksheet provides the option of entering local enrollment projections for the Remedial Summer School, English as a Second Language (ESL), and Virginia Preschool Initiative (VPI) programs for FY 2023 and 2024. Please note that enrollments for VPI are capped at the number of student slots that are funded in the VPI formula contained in the respective budgets adopted separately by the House of Delegates and by the Senate for the 2022-2024 biennium.

Also note that sales tax estimates in the Excel files are revenue projections only. Actual sales tax payments made to school divisions in FY 2022, 2023, and 2024 on a semi-monthly basis will be based on actual sales tax receipts. Pursuant to the Appropriation Act, the Basic Aid entitlement calculation is based on the estimated sales tax appropriation only and is not adjusted for actual sales tax revenues received each fiscal year.

The Excel files referenced in this memorandum show state payments, required local effort for the SOQ accounts, and required local matches for Incentive and Lottery-funded accounts calculated based on projected March 31 ADM for FY 2022, 2023, and 2024.

- [Download the Excel calculation template](#)
- [Access online instructions for using the calculation template](#)

It is important to remember that the budget recommendations proposed by the House of Delegates and by the Senate are not final. A Conference Committee will make final recommendations after resolving the differences between the House and Senate budget proposals. For that reason, the estimated payments contained in the Excel calculation files are projections only and are subject to change as a result of final legislative action by the 2022 General Assembly. Final actions on the budget should be completed before the General Assembly adjourns on March 12, 2022.

VDOE will provide additional information during the General Assembly session as changes to the estimated Direct Aid payments occur. After the conclusion of the session, projected payments based on final General Assembly actions will be sent to you in another Superintendent’s Memorandum.

For more information

Questions regarding the Senate's and House of Delegates' adopted amendments to the 2022 budget and the 2022-2024 biennial budget and the revised estimates of Direct Aid payments for FY 2022, 2023, and 2024 may be directed to Ed Lanza, Director of Budget Office, or Budget Office staff at (804) 225-2025 or by email at DOEBudgetOffice@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Senate and House Amendments to the Fiscal Year 2022 Budget](#) (DOCX)
- B. Attachment: [Senate and House Amendments to Governor's Introduced 2022-2024 Biennial Budget](#) (DOCX)