FUNDING UPDATES
SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTORS MEETING
SEPTEMBER 3, 2014

Maintenance of Effort:

Two important considerations for 2014-2015:

1. Now that the BS6016 has been submitted and you met the eligibility criteria to receive IDEA-B funds based on budgeting enough with State/local funds for MOE, you need to change your focus for the remaining of the year to ensure MOE compliance by making sure you spend at least the same amount in 2014-2015 as was spent in 2013-2014 (or the amount of expenditures entered in Line 1, whichever is greater), unless you will qualify for an exception/adjustment in 2014-2015

2. When Maximum entitlements are released, re-evaluate whether you are eligible to voluntarily reduce your State/local special education expenditures in 2014-2015 and submit an amendment to revise Line 5 of the BS6016, if applicable

High Cost Funds:

The High Cost Funds Eligibility application will be available on Monday, November 10, 2014 and will close on Friday, December 19, 2014.

❖ Criteria for LEA to apply:

- Has not violated the least restrictive environment requirements of IDEA of 2004;
- Has not lapsed IDEA-B Formula or Formula Deaf funds from the previous school year; and
- Does not carry over/roll forward 60% or more of its IDEA-B formula funds from the previous year.

❖ Criteria for a student with a disability to be considered a high need child:

- A high need child with a disability has a significant financial impact on the budget of the LEA due to the high costs associated with providing direct special education and related services.
- A high need child with a disability would therefore cost the district more than $26,055.
- Only costs associated with providing direct special education and related services to the child that are identified in that child’s IEP are to be considered in determining whether a child is a high need child.

http://www.tea.state.tx.us/index2.aspx?id=2147490628

Non-Ed Funds:

Pending: 1) TEA’s award to ESC-20; 2) ESC-20 still in process of reviewing Non-Ed applications