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To: Superintendents, Business Managers, Special Education Directors, County Superintendents, Directors of Residential Facilities

From: Jerry Coleman, Assistant Director of School Finance

Date: July 1, 2008

Re: School district responsibility for student costs during the 2008-2009 school year

The following amounts will be used for the 2008-2009 school year to determine the school district responsibility (cost cap) for the education of resident students. For special education students, the school district incurs the full cost based upon an approved contract and is then reimbursed for amounts in excess of the cost cap. For regular education students attending residential treatment facilities, the Department of Public Instruction will pay the excess cost and the district of residence will only be responsible for the state average cost.

	2007-2008 Cost Cap*	2008-2009 Cost Cap	2008-2009 Daily Rate
Special education students placed by district (based on 4 1/2 times the state average cost)			
Elementary (grades 1-8)	\$33,776.01	\$35,785.31	\$198.81 / day
Secondary (grades 9-12)	\$35,010.05	\$36,502.65	\$202.79 / day
Regular and special education students placed for reasons other than education (based on the state average cost)			
Elementary (grades 1-8)	\$7,505.78	\$7,952.29	\$44.18 / day
Secondary (grades 9-12)	\$7,780.01	\$8,111.70	\$45.07 / day
Capital outlay used for tuition purposes	\$582.06	\$528.07	

If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Coleman at (701) 328-4051.

*For comparison purposes only.