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**State Superintendent**

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

From: Jerry Coleman, Assistant Director of School Finance

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Re: School district responsibility for student costs during the 2009-2010 school year

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The following amounts will be used for the 2009-2010 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.

	2008-2009 Cost Cap*	2009-2010 Cost Cap	2009-2010 Daily Rate
Special education students placed by district (based on 4 times the state average cost)**			
Elementary (grades 1-8)	\$35,785.31	\$33,970.32	\$188.72 / day
Secondary (grades 9-12)	\$36,502.65	\$35,281.36	\$196.01 / day
Regular and special education students placed for reasons other than education (based on the state average cost)			
Elementary (grades 1-8)	\$7,952.29	\$8,492.58	\$47.18 / day
Secondary (grades 9-12)	\$8,111.70	\$8,820.34	\$49.00 / day
Capital outlay used for tuition purposes	\$528.07	\$671.57	

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

\*For comparison purposes only.

\*\*The cap for district placed students was 4 ½ times the state average cost in 2008-09.