



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators, Charter School Leads
Route To: School Business Administrators
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Fiscal Year 2018-19 State Budget Notification

On Saturday, June 30, 2018, Governor Phil Murphy reached agreement with the legislature on the Fiscal Year 2019 state budget which includes revised state aid for all school districts. The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has prepared revised state aid notices for districts, and revised charter school aid notices, that are available today in each school district's or charter school's [School Aid folder](#) accessed through the NJDOE's [Homeroom](#) web portal. To assist school districts with implementing budget adjustments consistent with the revised state aid figures, a [guidance document](#) is now available on the NJDOE's website.

For those districts that receive a revised state aid notice indicating an increase to state aid, NJDOE approval pursuant to *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3(d)1* for a district board of education to appropriate unbudgeted or underbudgeted state aid is herein granted.

For those districts that receive a revised state aid notice indicating a decrease to state aid when compared to the district's March 15, 2018 state aid notice, NJDOE approval pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-8.1* and *N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-13.3 (b) and (c)* to transfer/increase the amount of unassigned general fund surplus budgeted in the original budget certified for taxes to provide the resources necessary to address the emergent condition of needing to offset the reduction to 2018-19 state aid to maintain a thorough and efficient (T&E) education is herein granted. Any district that is set to receive less state aid in the revised notice must follow the instructions in the aforementioned guidance document. All districts are encouraged to review their revised state aid notices and the NJDOE's guidance for detailed information on implementing 2018-19 budget adjustments.

This year's budget also includes funding for Preschool Education Expansion Aid, a program to expand access to full-day preschool for three- and four-year old children. Those districts currently operating a preschool program with partial state support will be eligible to apply for these funds to expand access to additional students. Additional guidance for districts interested in applying for Preschool Expansion Aid is available on the NJDOE's [Early Childhood webpage](#).

Pursuant to language included in the FY 2019 appropriations act, districts that received notification of a reduction in general fund state aid, and are able to demonstrate fiscal distress, may apply for additional state assistance. Districts interested in making an application can contact their county offices for information.

If you have any questions about your state aid notification, please email staid@doe.nj.gov or if you need additional guidance regarding how to account for these changes, please email budget@doe.nj.gov.

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