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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** LEA Superintendents  
LEA Finance Officers  
LEA Personnel Administrators

**FROM:** Philip W. Price 

**SUBJECT:** FY 2010-11 Planning Allotments

Enclosed are your FY 2010-11 Planning Allotments. Planning Allotments use the higher of either FY 2009-10 actual ADM, for the first two months of school or projected ADM for FY 2010-11.

As you know, the planning budget can change during the General Assembly Session; **therefore, these allotments are subject to, and are likely to, change. They should be used as a planning tool. Until a budget is passed by the General Assembly, these figures will remain projections.**

**Local Funding** - In order to assist you in obtaining appropriate local funding, we have also included allotted ADM for LEAs and charter schools in your county. This information **does not** exclude non-county residents; however, it will give you an idea of the possible additional local appropriation you will need to request from your County Commissioners in order to cover the local funds you may need to transfer to charter schools. The charter school law states: "If a student attends a charter school, the LEA **in which the child resides** shall transfer to the charter an amount equal to the per pupil local current expense appropriation to the LEA for the fiscal year." The charter school will contact you directly for local funds.

**Charter Schools** - Your planning allotments have not been reduced for charter schools that operated in FY 2010-11 (up to the legislatively approved growth level). If an existing charter school has approval from the State Board of Education to increase enrollment in excess of the charter schools allowable growth, the additional students identified as transferring from your LEA (over the projection) will be treated as if they are new to the charter school. For example, if the State projects that a charter will grow 7% (ADM 120) based on historical data and the charter actually grows 10% (ADM 132), the additional growth (ADM 12) will result in a reduction to your Initial Allotments (if the charter school identified your LEA as the source of the extra growth). No charter school will be allowed to exceed their approved maximum growth for FY 2009-10.

Allotments for new charter schools, approved for FY 2010-11, will be reduced from your Initial Allotments. The Planning Allotments include a section that calculates each allotment per ADM. This section can be used to estimate the potential reduction in case a new charter school enrolls children from your LEA or an existing charter school has permission to increase its ADM.

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**LEA Adjustment** – The FY 10-11 Planning Allotments have not been reduced for the LEA Adjustment in the amount of \$304,774,366.

**Federal Planning Allotments** - Your Federal planning allotments will be available as soon as funding data is received from the Federal Government. We did include the estimated funding for PRC 140 – State Stabilization Funds in your State Planning Allotments.

Included in this mailing are:

- (1) 2010-11 Planning Allotment Formulas presenting,
  - Estimated benefits rates for 2010-11
  - Statewide average salaries, and
  - State allotments with a brief description of the formula and/or funding factors.
- (2) 2010-11 Planning Allotments
- (3) 2010-11 Allotted ADM  
The higher of:
  1. Actual higher of first two months ADM for 2009-10 or,
  2. Projected ADM for 2010-11.
- (4) 2010-11 Estimated Reduction for the LEA Adjustment.

**We hope this information will be helpful as you plan for next year and as you negotiate your local budget with your County Commissioners. It is important that you understand all of the enclosed information.** Please remember that the Planning Allotments are subject to change based on action by the General Assembly during the 2010 session. **If you have questions, please call the School Allotments Section at (919) 807 – 3739.**

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Enclosures

c: Regional Education Service Alliances

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