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Funding increase boosts High Cost Special Education Aid

MADISON — High Cost Special Education Aid to school districts and other eligible agencies that teach students with significant disability-related needs totaled \$10.7 million for the payment made in June, an increase of just over \$5 million from the previous year.

The aid went to 136 school districts and two County Children with Disabilities Education Boards (CCDEB) to reimburse 70 percent of prior year eligible costs for special education services. Eligible costs are those that are not covered by other state and federal special education funding and are in excess of \$30,000 per student. Aid comes from \$8.5 million appropriated in the 2015-17 state budget, an increase of \$5 million from the prior year, and \$2.3 million from Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding. This amount represents 10 percent of the state's discretionary grant under Part B of IDEA and is a slight increase from the last year's allocation for High Cost Special Education Aid.

“Every student with a disability is entitled to a free appropriate public education,” noted State Superintendent Tony Evers. “This aid program supports districts in providing required services for students with extraordinary needs.”

Services reimbursed by the aid program include providing an instructional or transportation aide, attendant care, nursing services, or an educational interpreter. Other types of eligible costs include providing an extended school year, orientation and mobility training, tuition for placements, or specialized programming or equipment that would not otherwise be needed.

The separate funding stream for High Cost Special Education Aid started in the 2003-04 fiscal year with the allocation of \$2 million in federal IDEA discretionary funds. The 2006-07 fiscal year was the first in which state funds were budgeted to provide aid for students with high-cost special education needs. The department's 2017-19 budget request seeks an additional \$4.2 million in state funds over the biennium and 100 percent reimbursement of prior year costs above the \$30,000 per student high-cost threshold.

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NOTES: A list of High Cost Special Education Aid payments to local education agencies follows. More information about the High Cost Special Education Aid program can be found online at <http://dpi.wi.gov/sfs/aid/special-ed/high-cost>. This news release is available electronically at https://dpi.wi.gov/sites/default/files/news-release/dpinr2017_62.pdf.

High Cost Special Education Aid

June 19, 2017, Payments for Costs Incurred in the 2015-16 School Year

A-C

Albany, \$18,337
 Antigo Unified, \$3,888
 Appleton Area, \$132,387
 Arrowhead UHS, \$11,859
 Ashland, \$95,938
 Auburndale, \$33,770
 Baraboo, \$63,517
 Beecher-Dunbar-Pembine, \$54,592
 Beloit, \$214,901
 Beloit Turner, \$14,718
 Birchwood, \$51,209
 Blair-Taylor, \$26,179
 Bloomer, \$40,388
 Boyceville Community, \$16,232
 Brodhead, \$26,610
 Brown County CDEB, \$23,635
 Brown Deer, \$20,289
 Bruce, \$18,252
 Cadott Community, \$28,713
 Cameron, \$31,653
 Cedarburg, \$20,996
 Central/Westosha UHS, \$107,735
 Clintonville, \$59,408
 Cochrane-Fountain City, \$29,358
 Coleman, \$67,538
 Columbus, \$100,809

D-G

D C Everest Area, \$62,253
 De Soto Area, \$67,379
 Deerfield Community, \$19,192
 Denmark, \$11,010
 Dodgeville, \$100,180
 Eleva-Strum, \$3,784
 Ellsworth Community, \$36,487
 Elmbrook, \$471,394
 Fall Creek, \$15,670
 Flambeau, \$20,265
 Fond du Lac, \$207,490
 Fort Atkinson, \$303,250

Fox Point J2, \$31,466
 Franklin Public, \$83,653
 Galesville-Ettrick-Trempealeau, \$214
 Genoa City J2, \$16,567
 Green Bay Area Public, \$47,490
 Greendale, \$40,140
 Greenfield, \$31,899
 Greenwood, \$19,390

H-M

Hillsboro, \$21,019
 Holmen, \$5,616
 Horicon, \$33,281
 Hortonville Area, \$30,716
 Howard-Suamico, \$27,576
 Hudson, \$160,724
 Janesville, \$98,808
 Kenosha, \$711,592
 Kettle Moraine, \$203,803
 Kewaskum, \$23,644
 Kohler, \$17,470
 La Crosse, \$830
 Lac du Flambeau #1, \$129,399
 Lake Geneva J1, \$4,917
 Lake Geneva-Genoa UHS, \$30,198
 Lancaster Community, \$118,080
 Lodi, \$65,615
 Lomira, \$25,772
 Madison Metropolitan, \$1,566,672
 Manitowoc, \$39,964
 Marshall, \$3,424
 Marshfield Unified, \$13,213
 Mauston, \$28,302
 McFarland, \$98,663
 Medford Area Public, \$51,329
 Menomonie Area, \$17,626
 Mequon-Thiensville, \$122,776
 Merton Community, \$47,637
 Middleton-Cross Plains Area, \$130,770
 Milton, \$36,704
 Milwaukee, \$57,695

Mineral Point Unified, \$79,857
Mondovi, \$8,005
Mosinee, \$34,974
Mukwonago, \$25,543

N-R

Nekoosa, \$6,402
New Richmond, \$24,075
Niagara, \$18,465
Nicolet UHS, \$136,221
Northland Pines, \$1,625
Oak Creek-Franklin Joint, \$163,685
Oconomowoc Area, \$50,609
Oconto Falls Public, \$14,830
Onalaska, \$50,161
Oregon, \$71,368
Osceola, \$30,765
Oshkosh Area, \$270,132
Osseo-Fairchild, \$45,657
Pardeeville Area, \$31,168
Paris J1, \$4,276
Parkview, \$603
Platteville, \$32,620
Portage Community, \$33,367
Pulaski Community, \$43,818
Racine Unified, \$424,904
Raymond #14, \$38,472
Reedsburg, \$75,409
Rib Lake, \$17,339
Richland, \$66,214
River Falls, \$26,384

S-Y

Saint Croix Central, \$50,642
Saint Croix Falls, \$48,833

Salem, \$58,946
Sevastopol, \$12,563
Sheboygan Area, \$49,198
Sheboygan Falls, \$16,556
Shell Lake, \$3,750
Shullsburg, \$4,743
Slinger, \$46,535
Solon Springs, \$5,359
South Milwaukee, \$59,121
Stevens Point Area Public, \$110,226
Sun Prairie Area, \$339,406
Thorp, \$11,841
Three Lakes, \$22,331
Tomah Area, \$22,049
Trevor-Wilmot Consolidated, \$29,310
Turtle Lake, \$6,722
Union Grove J1, \$17,790
Verona Area, \$230,026
Walworth County CDEB, \$414,782
Waterford UHS, \$122,920
Waukesha, \$17,300
Waupaca, \$24,360
Wausau, \$31,266
West Bend, \$26,671
West De Pere, \$47,003
Whitewater Unified, \$44,365
Whitnall, \$44,657
Wilmot UHS, \$57,179
Wisconsin Rapids, \$64,695
Yorkville J2, \$17,218