Administrative Memo

Date: April 21, 2020
To: School Administrators and Finance Administrators
From: Roger Dorson, deputy commissioner, Financial and Administrative Services
Subject: FAS-20-003 – Expenditure Restrictions

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) had several programs included in the expenditure restrictions Governor Parson announced during his COVID-19 briefing on April 20, 2020. The expenditure restrictions for DESE are as follows:

- **Supplemental Appropriation - Foundation Formula Prior Year Recalculation** – Restricted Amount $15,865,787
  DESE requested a Supplemental Appropriation to ensure that districts would receive payment at the full FY19 State Adequacy Target (SAT) of $6,308 through the prior year recalculation process. With these restrictions, the Foundation Formula Prior Year Correction for FY19 will be paid out at a SAT of approximately $6,291 instead of the full SAT of $6,308. At this time, DESE anticipates continuing to pay out at a SAT of $6,375 in FY20.

- **Transportation** – Restricted Amount $7,100,000
  The transportation appropriation will be reduced from $107,547,713 to $100,447,713 with this restriction, causing an estimated 2.4% reduction in transportation funding for FY20. The majority of the adjustment will be reflected in the May payment; the June payment may be lowered as well to compensate for the remaining shortfall.

- **K-3 Reading Assessment** – Restricted Amount $166,141
  This funding would have been used for end-of-year dyslexia screening of students in school districts using the “Shaywitz DyslexiaScreen,” provided by DESE, and for certain training on the use of this screening tool. This end-of-year screening requirement (Section 167.950.1(2), RSMo) is waived through the end of the 2019-20 school year.

- **Missouri Scholars and Fine Arts Academies** – Restricted Amount $266,750
  The Missouri Scholars and Missouri Fine Arts Academies were previously cancelled for this summer due to COVID-19; therefore, no additional effect will occur because of this withholding.

- **Missouri Preschool Program Early Learning Quality Assurance Report** – Restricted Amount $200,000
  Quality Assurance Report (QAR) pilot activities are conducted through on-site coaching in classrooms and face-to-face professional development. These facilities are temporarily closed due to COVID-19; therefore, the impact of these restrictions will be minimal at this time. Fulfilling these pilot activities will be delayed until facility operations resume and funding can be restored.

To view the April 20 press release for Governor Parson’s briefing held [click here](#). To view the complete list of expenditure restrictions announced on April 20 [click here](#).