

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](#).