

## Administrative Memo

**Date:** November 17, 2020  
**To:** School Administrators  
**From:** Chris Neale, assistant commissioner, Office of Quality Schools  
**Subject:** QS-20-013 – Monitoring of AMI-X Plan Implementation

The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has maintained three priorities for education in Missouri during the COVID-19 pandemic. First, we must work together to protect the health and safety of students, school personnel and communities as a whole. Second, we must ensure students continue to receive the high-quality education they deserve, no matter the circumstances. Third, to the greatest extent possible, schools must continue to be paid for educating students, knowing models of instruction vary throughout the state.

As such, DESE implemented the Alternative Methods of Instruction-Extended (AMI-X) Plan, which allows districts and charter schools to continue to provide services either onsite or in an approved pattern of distanced instruction during the 2020-21 school year. To review DESE's previously published guidance about approved patterns of instruction for claiming state aid, see [Administrative Memo QS-20-007](#) and the supporting [FAQ](#) document.

As part of the AMI-X process, and as indicated in the FAQ document, DESE Area Supervisors will contact districts and charter schools to monitor the implementation of AMI-X plans for quality and to assist DESE in identifying best practices (pg. 4 of the FAQ document). Samples of the questions Area Supervisors will use can be found in the AMI-X Monitoring Tool on DESE's [AMI webpage](#). DESE will continue to monitor AMI-X plans throughout the pandemic.

If you have questions about the monitoring process or need additional information, please contact your DESE Area Supervisor or Jocelyn Strand at 573-751-4104.