



Office of Quality Schools

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Dear PAT Contact,

We are excited to share with you that the Parents as Teachers (PAT) Final Payment for 2014-15 has been processed for payment. I would encourage you to access the Final Payment Report which is available from the PAT Summary Page in ePeGs. As you review this information you will notice that the Parent Education services provided to high need families was reimbursed at a rate of \$65 per contact. All Parent Education services provided to non-high need families remained at the rate of \$50 per contact.

In addition to the payment information I would also like to highlight a document available on the Early Learning website titled "Missouri Parents as Teachers: Summary Report for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education". This report is based on the information gathered from stakeholders through an online survey and focus groups from statewide roundtable discussions in December and January. The Department has had the opportunity to review the information and is considering strategies suggested by participants.

The Early Learning section is pleased to announce the addition of two new staff members. Jodeen Maness will be the supervisor assisting programs in the north area of the state and Robin McClay will be assisting in the southeast area. Districts may refer to our website for a map of the state along with contact information for each supervisor. We are so excited to have them on board and look forward to introducing them to programs at the regional PAT Learning Communities this fall.

New parent educators who have not completed the required "Introduction to Health and Developmental Screening" training can visit the Early Learning website for information regarding training opportunities occurring in July and August.

As we work towards the Department's Top 10 x 20 Plan and even more specifically, Goal 2: All Missouri children will enter kindergarten prepared to be successful in school, it is important to remember the vital role of the Parents as Teachers Program in assisting parents to nurture healthy children who are safe and ready to learn.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lana Brooks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lana Brooks
Director, Early Learning