

June 26, 2019

Dear Authorized Representative:

The Early Learning Section has completed the process of reviewing and approving the FY19 final reporting information for Missouri Preschool Programs (MPP). It is important that programs reconcile their FY19 expenditures after June 30, 2019 and report any necessary revisions.

We are beginning to review the FY20 Renewal Applications for eligible MPP awardees and need to provide some additional information before we move forward with approvals. The following changes will affect eligibility and funding.

1. The FY20 budget bill includes wording that eliminates MPP funding to public schools that will be receiving Foundation Formula for preschool students during FY20.
  - If your school district chooses to receive Foundation Formula for preschool students in FY20 you will not be eligible for MPP funding. Official notice of your decision to decline FY20 MPP funds will need to be sent by July 15<sup>th</sup> to [Erica.McClary@dese.mo.gov](mailto:Erica.McClary@dese.mo.gov).
2. All MPP programs will receive an overall budget reduction of approximately 11% to the existing MPP allocation. The revised amounts are now available in ePeGS reflecting the reduction.
  - Programs will need to submit a revised budget application that reflects this reduction in funding no later than August 15th.

Your immediate attention to this information will assist our staff to move quickly through the process of approving the Renewal Applications.

Once the Renewal Application and Budget Application are approved programs will have access to the Payment Request. The Payment Request must be submitted by the 1st calendar day of the month in order to receive a payment that month. We encourage each program to consider monthly payment requests to ensure that funding is being expended as approved in the Budget Application.

DESE appreciates your efforts to provide quality services and would be happy to assist you as needed. We look forward to working with you and your program. If you need additional information or have questions please contact the Early Learning section.

Sincerely,



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Early Learning

c: MPP Contact