

Subject: Guidance from the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services on LEA Maintenance of Effort

Source: Dr. Stephen Barr, Assistant Commissioner

Intended Audience: Superintendents, Administrators, Special Education Directors, and Special Education Finance

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The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) with the U.S. Department of Education has published a letter to inform districts about a provision in the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014 related to the Part B requirement that local educational agencies (LEAs) maintain the level of local, or state and local, expenditures to the education of children with disabilities, known as maintenance of effort (MOE). The letter analyzes both the compliance and the eligibility aspects of MOE. Tables are included to clarify how MOE should be computed. Districts should review the letter in preparing budgets for the 2014-2015 school year.

The letter can be found at <http://dese.mo.gov/se/documents/se-osep-ltr-ccso-lea-moe031314.pdf>.

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