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TO: Dr. Carol Kelley, Superintendent

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RE: Fall Enrollment 2018

Fall Enrollment and Low-Income Students

As part of Evidence Based Funding (EBF), each year school districts must report to ISBE the number of students enrolled as of the first day in October. These school-level fall enrollment counts are based on enrollment and exit dates reported for individual students in the ISBE Student Information System (SIS) and are attached for both 2017-18 and 2018-19. For October 1, 2018 the district's percentage of low income students was 15.2%, a 3% decrease compared to the same time last year. Interestingly, all ten schools experienced some decrease this year.

Title 1 Funding

Data Snapshots:

Individual schools qualify for Title 1 funds when they have a higher percentage of low-income students than the district overall. To measure this data when applying for Title 1 funds for the upcoming school year, districts may:

- 1) Use either October 1st or May 1st data; and
- 2) Claim all students at their home school where they reside or at their serving school where they attend classes.

School-Wide vs. Targeted Programs:

Individual schools may also apply for school-wide Title 1 programming providing eligibility for all students, or apply for targeted programming where student eligibility is based on their assessment scores and other criteria. Schools having both a higher percentage than the district of low-income students and at least 20% of their students designated as low-income may apply for School-Wide Title 1 status rather than Targeted Title 1 status.

Each year D97 measures the low-income data across these possible combinations to select the method that maximizes our funding opportunities.

2018-19 Title 1 Funding

Last year, D97 used May 1, 2018 serving school data to apply for 2018-19 Title 1 funding. As a result, the district was able to add Longfellow as a Title 1 school, achieve school-wide status for the Title 1 elementary schools, and grandfather in Brooks Middle School as targeted assistance. Schools listed in green on the last page are the 2018-19 Title 1 schools.

2019-20 Title 1 Funding

Despite the drop in low-income families, our October 1, 2018 serving school data shown on the next page is projecting that Julian, Beye, Holmes, Irving, Lincoln, Longfellow, and Whittier will qualify for Targeted Title 1 Services. Based on their percentage of low-income students, Brooks has not been eligible for Title 1 Services since October 2017. While we were able to get them grandfathered in for 2018-19, their low-income student percentage must meet or exceed the district percentage on May 1, 2019 in order for them to continue their Title 1 eligibility in 2019-20. Of note, these projections also indicate that Lincoln may become eligible for Title 1 funding after being ineligible for more than a decade. We will examine the May 1, 2019 data district-wide by both home and serving school to ensure that we are maximizing our Title 1 funding opportunities for 2019-20.

Fall Enrollment Figures 2017-2018 and 2018-2019

	2017-2018 by Home School		
			Percentage
		Low	Low
	Enrollment	Income	Income
Beye	370	95	25.7%
Brooks	969	178	18.4%
Hatch	368	54	14.7%
Holmes	626	139	22.2%
Irving	509	106	20.8%
Julian	1012	194	19.2%
Lincoln	704	113	16.1%
Longfellow	648	116	17.9%
Mann	497	34	6.8%
Whittier	393	78	19.8%
District Total	6096	1107	18.2%

	2018-2019 by Serving School*		
			Percentage
		Low	Low
	Enrollment	Income	Income
Beye	367	67	18.3%
Brooks**	907	132	14.6%
Hatch	378	42	11.1%
Holmes	571	100	17.5%
Irving	489	83	17.0%
Julian	1041	175	16.8%
Lincoln	686	107	15.6%
Longfellow	703	111	15.8%
Mann	492	27	5.5%
Whittier	427	79	18.5%
District Total	6061	923	15.2%

^{*} Districts may claim students either by the school they attend or the school where they reside. For 2017-18 D97 had the best results using the students' home school (where they reside), but in 2018-19, the best results were based on where they attended (serving school).

^{**}Brooks Middle School has been grandfathered in for the 2018-19 school year.

May 1, 2018 Enrollment Figures Final List of 2018-19 Title 1 Schools

	By Serving School		
			Percentage
			Low
	Enrollment	Low Income	Income
Beye	379	93	24.5%
Brooks*	957	167	17.5%
Hatch	376	46	12.2%
Holmes	589	120	20.4%
Irving	504	115	22.8%
Julian	1020	195	19.1%
Lincoln	692	112	16.2%
Longfellow	708	148	20.9%
Mann	492	31	6.3%
Whittier	443	89	20.1%
District Total	6160	1116	18.1%

^{*}Brooks Middle School has been grandfathered in for the 2018-19 school year.