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SCHOOL FINANCE MEMORANDUM 02-030

TO: School District and Charter School Administrators
FROM: Lyle Friesen, Director of School Finance
DATE: December 28, 2001
SUBJECT: Classroom Site Fund (CSF) payments

Changes to the Classroom Site Fund (CSF) reports have been made. The first column on the report reflects the month in which sales taxes were collected by Arizona businesses. The second column is the date on which the funds were distributed to Arizona School Districts and Charter Schools. Specific questions concerning the CSF have been addressed. For answers to these questions please refer to the FAQ on the School Finance Bulletin Board at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/BulletinBoard>.

The total tax revenues for the CSF have been allocated to each district and charter based on the weighted student count for each, as a percentage of the total state wide weighted student count.

As the funding for charter schools moves from enrollment lists, to 40th day ADM, and finally 100th day ADM, and as the amount of revenues available varies from month to month, the annualized amount of CSF for each LEA will also change. We are allocating all funds available for distribution (excluding small amounts due to rounding).

Please be aware that the Joint Legislative Budget Committee may revise the per pupil amount (currently \$272.42) in the spring. Should this happen, budget revisions to include the decreased amount of budget capacity and state aid will be required. Please check the bulletin board at <http://www.ade.az.gov/schoolfinance/BulletinBoard> for updates on this issue.

Two payments are being issued this month. Only the reports for the second payment will be posted to the web site, but each payment will be listed separately on the report. It is expected that both payments will be distributed to the counties and to the charter schools by January 4th.

The student counts used for charter schools are the same as those used for the December charter payment. These counts can be found on the December CHAR55-1 report, available at <http://www.ade.az.gov/districts>.

Beginning with the tax revenues collected in January (to be distributed in March), all charter schools and new joint technical education districts, which are funded on current year counts, will be funded on 100th day ADM.

The table below indicates the taxes collected each month pursuant to Proposition 301 and the amount forwarded to ADE for distribution. Actual collections and distributions to date equal approximately 81% of the amount, which would be generated by the \$272.42 per weighted student count.

Taxes	
Collected	Amount for CSF
June-01	13,578,788.45
July-01	18,902,896.87
August-01	21,167,467.70
September-01	20,295,909.04
October-01	21,975,220.39