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Dear School District Superintendent,

On October 30, school district governing boards were notified of the results of the ADE budget analysis (BUDG25) pursuant to A.R.S. §15-905(E). In many instances, districts have been instructed to reduce their FY 2007-2008 expenditure budget, M&O Fund, Unrestricted Capital Fund, and/or Soft Capital Allocation Fund based on this analysis.

A significant portion of Arizona school district budget capacity is based on prior year (FY 2006-2007) 100th day ADM data. As the result of problems in ADE SAIS, the handling of concurrent and subsequent enrollments associated with Joint Technological & Education Districts (JTEDs) and/or Technology Assisted Project Based Instruction programs (TAPBI), may have caused your district's FY 2006-2007 100th day ADM numbers to be understated.

If you know that your district's FY 2006-2007 100th day ADM is understated as a result of the SAIS problems with JTEDs and TAPBI, and that correction of these problems in SAIS will eliminate the difference between the ADE and district calculated budget limits, ADE School Finance recommends that you complete the attached excel spreadsheet to report your districts FY 2007 ADM values by grade level. Once we receive these overrides, we will generate the preliminary December APOR 55-1, re-run the Budg25 Report and re-issue the Budg25 Letter to reflect the revised general budget limits based on these override counts. Any increases in state aid will be reflected in your December 15, 2007 apportionment.

Please know, however, that your student detail data, once corrected and recalculated in SAIS, may be less than your submitted ADM overrides based on concurrency adjustments. You are reminded that you WILL BE responsible for any resulting FY 2008 over-expenditures and that your subsequent year's budget shall be reduced by this over-expended amount.

At this time, ADE is unable to project a completion date for correcting these problems. If you wish to avoid reducing your budget by December 15, 2007, please send your completed student counts spreadsheet via e-mail to SFDataAnalysis@azed.gov. All counts submitted will be reviewed prior to input into ADE system.

Regards,

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cc: School District Business Managers
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