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To: Fiscal Directors

From:  Karen Hennessy, Director II, District Advisory

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Re: **2014-15 Mandate Block Grant Application Available-Sept. 2 Deadline**

The California Department of Education (CDE) released the 2014-15 Mandate Block Grant (MBG) application. MBG funding is available to county offices of education, school districts, and charter schools (both direct and locally funded) that elect to participate. The funds are specifically intended to fund the costs of mandated programs and activities identified in Government Code Section 17581.6(e).

Local educational agencies (LEAs) must notify the CDE of their decision to participate or not participate in the MBG via the web-based MBG Application. The CDE will send an email notification with instructions on obtaining a password to log on to the MBG Application; however, LEAs that have been issued a password for the 2013-14 MBG or 2013-14 Proposition 39—California Clean Energy Jobs Act Applications may use the same 2013-14 password. LEAs may also access the MBG application at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/fo/r14/mandatebg14rfa.asp>.

The 2014 Budget Act appropriates \$218,188,000 for the MBG program for fiscal year 2014-15. The funds are unrestricted in use. Allocation of funds is based on average daily attendance (ADA) calculated as of the Second Principal (P-2) Apportionment for the 2013-14 fiscal year.

The 2014-15 funding rates set forth in Item 6110-296-0001 of the 2014 Budget Act are as follows. If necessary, funding rates will be proportionately reduced to stay within total available funding.

| LEA | 2012-13 P-2 ADA | Amount per ADA ¹ |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| County Offices of Education (COE) | Grades K-8 | \$28 |
| COE | Grades 9-12 | \$56 |
| COE | Countywide ² | \$1 |
| School Districts | Grades K-8 | \$28 |
| School Districts | Grades 9-12 | \$56 |
| Charter Schools | Grades K-8 | \$14 |
| Charter Schools | Grades 9-12 | \$42 |

¹Rate is per unit of ADA calculated as of the 2013–14 P-2 Apportionment

²Countywide ADA is defined as the aggregate number of units of ADA within the county attributable to all school districts for which the county superintendent of schools has jurisdiction pursuant to Section 1253 of the California Education Code, charter schools within the county, and the schools operated by the county superintendent of schools

Mandated programs covered by the MBG are subject to annual financial and compliance audits pursuant to Education Code Section 41020. Compliance with mandate requirements would be enforced through corrective action; LEAs would not forfeit funds as a result of audit findings.

The CDE will post the participation status of all LEAs eligible for the 2014-15 MBG. Prior to the application deadline, follow-up emails will be sent to those LEAs that have not submitted the MBG Application. If an LEA elects to NOT participate in the MBG, the CDE may be notified of that decision by accessing the MBG Application and electing not to participate, or by sending an email with the LEA's name and county-district-school (CDS) code to mandate@cde.ca.gov.

The MBG Application must be completed by September 2, 2014, to receive 2014-15 funding.

If you have any questions please contact me at khennessy@monterey.k12.ca.us or 831-755-0376.