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### SCHOOL BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE — JANUARY 2020

**Meeting.** The School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) met on January 28, 2020.

**On-Time Funding for Increased Enrollment Applications.** The SBRC approved on-time funding for modified supplemental amounts for 147 school districts totaling \$38.8 million in FY 2020. If a district's actual enrollment for the budget year, determined under Iowa Code section [257.6](#), is greater than its budget enrollment for the budget year, the district shall be eligible to receive an on-time funding budget adjustment.

**Open Enrollment Out Applications.** The SBRC approved a modified supplemental amount for FY 2020 tuition costs incurred for open enrollment out students not included on the previous year's certified enrollment report amounts for 241 school districts totaling \$28.4 million. Iowa Code section [282.18](#) states a district may apply to the SBRC if a student was not included in the resident district's enrollment count during the fall of the year preceding the student's transfer under open enrollment.

**Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Applications.** The SBRC approved modified supplemental amounts in FY 2020 for the costs of providing instructional services to LEP students being served beyond the five years of weightings for 178 school districts totaling \$11.5 million. This request for modified supplemental amount is permitted under Iowa Code section [257.31](#).

**Excess Costs of Providing the LEP Program.** The SBRC approved modified supplemental amounts for the costs of providing additional instructional services to limited English proficient students more than weightings generated, modified supplemental amounts granted, or other resources in FY 2019 for four districts totaling \$2.3 million. The modified supplemental amounts are categorical funding to the districts and are applied retroactively to the fiscal year in which the excess costs were incurred.

**Bettendorf Community School District.** The SBRC authorized a transfer from the school district's general fund to the district's capital projects fund and approved a modified supplemental amount for FY 2020 in the amount of \$312,000 for costs contributing to new construction of a school building.

**Davenport Community School District.** The SBRC received the corrective action by the school district due to the negative unspent balance for FY 2019. The district has maintained a negative unspent balance for the last four fiscal years. The SBRC approved the request for a modified supplemental amount of \$9,275,489. The school district is further directed to:

- Operate its expenditures in compliance with Iowa Code and shall not expend more than \$155.7 million in FY 2020, not including any additional allowable expenses.
- Submit monthly reports to its school board demonstrating financial position in relationship to its certified budget control lines.
- Return to the March SBRC meeting to provide a progress report.

**Next Meeting.** The School Budget Review Committee (SBRC) will meet next on March 10, 2020.

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