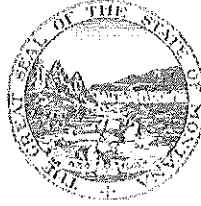


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January 9, 2018

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 Bigfork High School
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RE: ADUSTED ANB FY 2018

Dear Chairperson Sandry,

Pursuant to 20-9-314(6)(a), MCA, the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) is required to review all approved anticipated unusual enrollment changes to determine if the stated increase in enrollment materialized. The Bigfork High School District requested and was approved for an average number belonging (ANB) of 309 in the high school. Based on the enrollment information reported in the student count for ANB in MAEFAIRS for Fall FY2017, the full anticipated unusual enrollment increase did not materialize. The actual ANB is 308 which is 1 less than anticipated.

20-9-314(6)(a) MCA requires the OPI to recalculate budget limits and state paid entitlements based on the actual enrollment reported. The ANB calculated based on actual enrollment generates a lower Base budget and a reduction in the associated entitlements and payments. In addition, the actual budget adopted exceeded the highest budget allowed, resulting in excess taxes being levied. The OPI will make the following payment adjustments and recommends that the district's Board of Trustees approve a resolution to recognize the adjustments stated below.

	<u>Original</u>	<u>Adjusted</u>	<u>Reduction</u>
FY2018 BUDGETED ANB	309	308	-1
DSA	1,094,099.10	1,091,036.71	(3,062.39)
IEA	6,600.24	6,578.88	(21.36)
GTB GF	-0-	-0-	-0-
SPED	65,792.55	65,591.01	(201.54)
		Total Reduction	(3,285.29)
Over Levied Taxes	(2,499.03)		

The monthly state entitlement amounts for the remainder of FY 2018 will be paid at the reduced amounts.

Please contact Kathleen Wanner at (406) 444-9852 or kwanner@mt.gov should you have any questions regarding the payment adjustments. Please contact me at (406) 444-4001 or nmerala@mt.gov for any questions regarding the Student Counts for ANB.

Sincerely,



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