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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Technical Center Directors

**FROM:** Rod Duckworth 

**DATE:** March 28, 2014

**SUBJECT:** **Allocation of performance-based incentive funds from Specific Appropriation 115 from the 2013 General Appropriations Act (GAA)**

The Florida Department of Education has completed an initial allocation of the funds in Specific Appropriation 115 from the 2013 General Appropriations Act (Chapter 2013-40, Laws of Florida). The following statutory guidelines are specified for the distribution of these funds:

Funds in Specific Appropriation 115 shall be provided by the Department of Education to district workforce education programs for students who earn industry certifications during the 2013-2014 fiscal year. Funding shall be based on students who earn industry certifications in the following occupational areas: automotive service technology, cyber security, cloud virtualization, advanced manufacturing, and welding; or, industry certifications for Federal Aviation Administration airframe mechanics and power plant mechanics; pharmacy technicians; and heating, ventilation and air conditioning technicians. On June 1, 2014, if any funds remain, the balance shall be allocated based on each district's share of the targeted career and technical education funding provided in Specific Appropriation 117A and shall be spent for the purpose of that appropriation.

The funding amounts are specified as follows in Section 1011.80 (6)(b), Florida Statutes:

Each school district shall be provided \$1,000 for each industry certification earned by a workforce education student. The maximum amount of funding appropriated for performance funding pursuant to this paragraph shall be limited to \$15 million annually. If funds are insufficient to fully fund the calculated total award, such funds shall be prorated.

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The attachments provide a summary of the performance-based incentive funds that were distributed to districts on March 26, 2014. The following documents are provided that summarize the district allocations based on data reporting to date:

- Attachment 1 – Funding Allocation by District
  - The report summarizes the total number of eligible industry certifications and the funding allocation provided for each school district.
- Attachment 2 – Funding Allocation Detail by District and Industry Certification
  - The report provides details on the number of funded industry certifications by district and certification code/title.

To be included in the calculation, the industry certification reported had to meet the following criteria:

- Be included on the Postsecondary Industry Certification Funding List and denoted as eligible for performance funding on the list.
- Be reported in the 2013-14 reporting survey for the first time.
- Be reported for a student enrolled in a career certificate, applied technology diploma, and/or apprenticeship program in the 2013-14 reporting year.

Districts have access to student level reports which provide information on the students and certifications that generated the incentive funds. The file at Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC) with the student level industry certification/TSA information is named DPS<district number>.JU.FUNDCERT.Y1314FW where <district number> is the district's two-digit district identifier (for example, 01). Northwest Regional Data Center files may be downloaded by district MIS staff with security access. To assist in identifying your district reports coordinator, please visit the following website: <http://data.fldoe.org/ccdir/DistAssignments.cfm>.

A final allocation will be calculated by the department and distributed to districts by June 1, as specified in the GAA. The final performance funding calculation will be based on data reported in surveys F, W, and S of the Workforce Development Information System. The cut-off date for industry certification data to be included in the calculation is **May 9, 2014**.

If you have questions about the disbursement of these funds to district workforce education program, please contact your district finance office. If you have any questions about the calculated allocation, please contact Tara Goodman at 850-245-9002 or at [tara.goodman@fldoe.org](mailto:tara.goodman@fldoe.org). If you have questions about the student level reports, please contact Bruce Harrington at 850-245-9520 or at [bruce.harrington@fldoe.org](mailto:bruce.harrington@fldoe.org).

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