Requests for the Reallocation of the Fiscal Year 2018 Base Funding Minimum Amounts from Special Education Joint Agreements to Member School Districts

• Purpose:
  – FY2018 Base Funding Minimum (BFM) Payments include Special Education Personnel Reimbursements disbursed in FY2017 based on Special Education Personnel employed in FY2016.
  – ISBE has received requests to reallocate the FY2018 Base Funding Minimum for the amount attributable to Special Education Personnel from Special Education Joint Agreements to Member School Districts when there has been a fundamental change to the structure of the Joint Agreement, such as withdrawal, reorganization, or decentralization.
BFM Reallocation – Purpose (cont.)

• Although PA 100-0465 does provide direction regarding the attribution of a Special Education Joint Agreement’s Base Funding Minimum to member districts in the event of a dissolution of the Special Education Joint agreement, PA 100-0465 does not provide direction for the attribution of a Special Education Joint Agreement’s Base Funding Minimum for any other purpose.

• ISBE has received requests to reallocate the FY2018 Base Funding Minimum for the amount attributable to Special Education Personnel from Special Education Joint Agreements for reasons for which PA 100-0465 has not provided direction and ISBE is going to allow this for FY2018.

• ISBE will re-allocate Base Funding Minimum from a Joint Agreement to a Member District upon receipt of a request from the Joint Agreement if the request demonstrates that there has been a material change to the Joint Agreement, such as a member district withdrawal or other restructuring that changed the allocation of staff from the Joint Agreement to a member district.
BFM Reallocation – Request Process

Required Documentation to be Submitted by Director of the Special Education Joint Agreement:

- A letter with description of the facts that have resulted in the request to reallocate Base Funding Minimum amounts of the Special Education Joint Agreement to Member District(s)
- Special Education Joint Agreement’s name, Director and Director’s email address
- Member District(s) name, Superintendent and Superintendents’ email addresses
- Copy of the Special Education Joint Agreement Board Resolution that includes detail regarding the Base Funding Minimum Amount that is to be reallocated from the Special Education Joint Agreement to the specific member district

On or before December 31, 2017 to:
Illinois State Board of Education
Funding & Disbursements Division E-320
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