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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Bruce Rauner, Governor
The Honorable John J. Cullerton, Senate President
The Honorable Michael Madigan, Speaker of the House
The Honorable Christine Radogno, Senate Minority Leader
The Honorable Jim Durkin, House Minority Leader

FROM: Amanda Elliott, Legislative Affairs
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SUBJECT: City of Chicago School District Block Grant Data (2015-16)

This memo concerns financial data for the City of Chicago School District 299 (CPS) pursuant to PA 97-0238 (Althoff/Eddy). The Public Act, which became law on August 2, 2011, requires CPS to submit expenditures by programs, population and service levels by program and administrative expenditures by program in the same manner as all other districts.

Claim and expenditure data for the 2015-16 school year has been finalized. The enclosed report provides a summary for school years 2013-14, 2014-15 as well as 2015-16. As a reminder, PA 89-0015 (Cowlshaw/Cronin) created reform legislation for CPS which, among other things, established the General Education and Educational Services block grants for the district. Part of the legislation removed a requirement that CPS submit application, expenditure and claim data for all the programs funded through the block grants. In essence, beginning with FY 1996 and thereafter, CPS has been entitled to a fixed percentage of each programs contained within each block grant calculated based on the receipt of state funds the district received for those programs in proportion to the total amount distributed to all other local education agencies in FY 1995. While PA 97-0238 did not change the provision that CPS receive funding based on the percentages established in 1995, it does require CPS to submit service level data.

For the 2015-16 school year CPS received \$119,369,900 through the General Education Block Grant, which provides funds for Agriculture Education, the Early Childhood Block Grant and the Truants Alternative Optional Education Program. These three programs are programs that the rest of the districts in the state submit grant applications for funding. CPS submitted expenditures for almost the total amount of funds received - \$119,154,708.

Programs under the Educational Services Block Grant contain the programs most commonly referred to as the "mandated categoricals" as well as one other grant program – ROE/ISC Services. Mandated Categoricals under the Educational Services Block Grant are those that are reimbursed based on statutory formulas. The programs included in the Educational Services Block Grant include: the Illinois free/reduced lunch program, ROE/ISC Services, Special Education - Funding for Children Requiring Special Education Services, Special Education Orphanage, Special Education - Personnel, Special Education - Private Facility Tuition, Special Education - Summer School, Special Education - Transportation, and Regular/Vocational Transportation. Through block grant appropriations, CPS received \$477,994,050 from FY 16 and FY 17 appropriations for these nine programs. Once the claim data was calculated in the same manner as the other districts, it was determined that CPS would have received \$225,991,190 had the district been reimbursed in the same manner as other districts.

The final summary information was provided to the City of Chicago School District, Budget and Grants Officer on January 17, 2017.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Legislative Affairs Division at 217/782-6510.

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Chicago District 299 Block to Claim Historical
Public Act 97-0238**

	2013-14 School Year			2014-15 School Year			2015-16 School Year			
	Block %	Block Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Block Amount	Actual Amount	Difference	Block Amount	Actual Amount	Difference
<u>General Education Block Grant</u>										
Agriculture Education	1.1%	\$19,800	\$19,800 *	\$0	\$19,400	\$19,400 *	\$0	\$19,800	\$9,856 *	\$9,944
Early Childhood Block	37.0%	\$111,071,200	\$111,071,200 *	\$0	\$108,572,100	\$108,572,100 *	\$0	\$116,268,100	\$116,258,548 *	\$9,552
Truants Alternative Optional										
Education	26.8%	\$3,082,000	\$2,597,834 *	\$484,166	\$3,012,700	\$2,691,687 *	\$321,013	\$3,082,000	\$2,886,304 *	\$195,696
Sub-Total		\$114,173,000	\$113,688,834	\$484,166	\$111,604,200	\$111,283,187	\$321,013	\$119,369,900	\$119,154,708	\$215,192
<u>Educational Services Block Grant</u>										
Free Lunch/Breakfast - State	50.7%	\$7,250,100	\$4,766,329 **	\$2,483,771	\$4,563,000	\$2,955,090 **	\$1,607,910	\$4,563,000	\$2,947,312 **	\$1,615,688
ROE/ISC - Services (Operations)	14.9%	\$331,500	\$331,500 *	\$0	\$737,600	\$737,600 *	\$0	\$737,550	\$736,800 *	\$750
Sp Ed - Funding for Children										
Requiring Sp Ed	29.2%	\$88,502,800	\$61,793,008 **	\$26,709,792	\$86,465,000	\$60,654,112 **	\$25,810,888	\$88,718,300	\$62,466,331 **	\$26,251,969
Sp Ed - Orphanage 7.03	35.8%	\$37,590,000	\$5,360,993 **	\$32,229,007	\$34,010,000	\$8,540,217 **	\$25,469,783	\$34,010,000	\$5,582,081 **	\$28,427,919
Sp Ed - Personnel	19.1%	\$82,242,500	\$38,954,978 **	\$43,287,522	\$84,498,400	\$65,052,701 **	\$19,445,699	\$84,498,400	\$67,544,727 **	\$16,953,673
Sp Ed - Private Tuition	48.4%	\$108,906,300	\$13,578,758 **	\$95,327,542	\$112,772,000	\$15,339,644 **	\$97,432,356	\$112,772,000	\$11,100,475 **	\$101,671,525
Sp Ed - Summer School	54.4%	\$5,494,400	\$1,109,843 **	\$4,384,557	\$5,494,400	\$1,598,698 **	\$3,895,702	\$6,364,800	\$0 **	\$6,364,800
Sp Ed - Transportation	30.7%	\$135,191,700	\$76,375,967 **	\$58,815,733	\$138,303,500	\$64,174,418 **	\$74,129,082	\$138,303,500	\$75,486,094 **	\$62,817,406
Transportation - Reg & Voc	3.9%	\$7,845,900	\$151,497 **	\$7,694,403	\$8,026,500	\$249,480 **	\$7,777,020	\$8,026,500	\$127,370 **	\$7,899,130
Sub-Total		\$473,355,200	\$202,422,873	\$270,932,327	\$474,870,400	\$219,301,959	\$255,568,441	\$477,994,050	\$225,991,190	\$252,002,860
Grand Total		\$587,528,200	\$316,111,707	\$271,416,493	\$586,474,600	\$330,585,146	\$255,889,454	\$597,363,950	\$345,145,898	\$252,218,052

* Reflects final financial expenditures.
** Reflects final claim amounts reported by District 299 and calculated under statutory formula.

School Yr	Difference
2011-12	\$235,133,708
2012-13	\$226,613,218
2013-14	\$271,416,493
2014-15	\$255,889,454
2015-16	\$252,218,052
5 Yr Avg	\$248,254,185