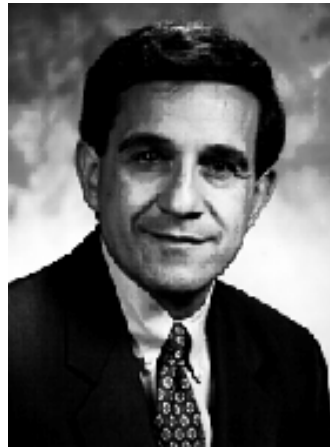


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Update on Allocation and Entitlement Grant Amounts

To: Superintendents of Schools

From: Robert V. Antonucci, Commissioner of Education

We have recently received formal written notice from the [United States Department of Education](#) regarding final grant amounts for two federal programs: Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Title I. The specific details for Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Title I are as follows:

Safe and Drug-Free Schools

Massachusetts received a 2.5% reduction in its Safe and Drug-Free Schools allocation. Therefore, we have reduced each school district's allocation accordingly. Districts should contact their Department liaison in Learning Support Services to discuss the required budget modifications.

Title I

As you recall, the preliminary Title I allocation amount given in June reflected the possibility of a rescission. Since the rescission was vetoed, the final amount awarded to Massachusetts for Title I reflects an increase over the preliminary number. While the majority of school districts will therefore have an increase, due to the specific elements used in determining individual Title I allocations, some districts may remain at the same funding level.

Those districts that receive an increase may do one of the following to access the funds:

- If the original budget has not yet been approved, a revised budget that reflects the new amount may be submitted;
- If the original budget has been approved, a budget amendment can be submitted, together with an appropriate plan revision. This amendment may be

submitted at any time prior to April 1, 1996; or

- The additional funds may be carried over into the FY97 budget, since up to 15% of Title I basic and concentration grants funds may be carried over into the next fiscal year.

It is important to note that in allocating these Title I funds at the local level, the poverty-based formula used for the original allocation of funds to schools within the district **must** continue to be used.

Enclosed you will find your school system's final grant amounts for these two federal programs. We have also received an indication that Massachusetts will receive a small increase in its Title VI allocation. Since this increase is projected to be less than \$150,000, the impact on each district's grant allocation will be minimal. We will provide you with the revised allocations for this program as soon as we finalize the exact amount of the increase.

If you have any questions, please contact the appropriate Department liaison.

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