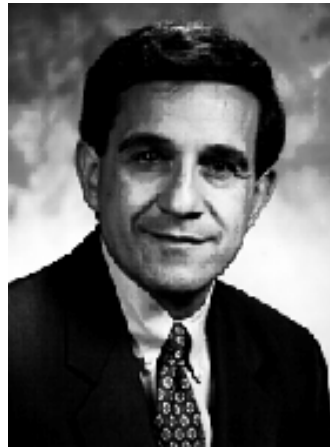


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Commissioner's Update

July 15, 1996

Dear Superintendents and Charter School Leaders:

I have included several important fiscal documents in this mailing for your use. These are:

1. [Chapter 70 state aid and required minimum local contribution figures](#).
These were affected by the state budget. Now the figures are final.
2. Grants.
[No longer available]

These tables include the figures for Title I, including foster children, and revised allocations for health protection funds, Title VI and Eisenhower funds; and your allocations for Safe and Drug Free Schools, federal Special Education, Perkins PALMS funds

In addition, I have enclosed a bookmark for your use; these are also being sent to school principals and libraries statewide.

Finally, I have received some questions recently about social sciences and the local sequencing of courses at the high school level, given the fact that the social sciences/history framework is under revision. You do not need to change your sequence of offerings at the high school level for the 1996-1997 school year, although if you have chosen to do so, that is fine as well.

That's all for now. I'll keep you informed of other matters and issues as the summer proceeds.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Antonucci
Commissioner of Education

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Chapter 70 Program

The Chapter 70 program is the major program of state aid to public elementary and secondary schools. In addition to providing state aid to support school operations, it also establishes minimum spending requirements for each school district and minimum requirements for each municipality's share of school costs.

1. [Legislation](#)
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3. **Chapter 70 State Aid and Spending Requirement**

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4. [Chapter 70 district profiles](#)

The on-line Chapter 70 database shows, for each school district, yearly spending and state aid totals in comparison to the foundation budget. Data is shown from FY93 through the current year.

5. **Materials on the Proposed Reauthorization of the Chapter 70 Formula**

- [Proposed Amendments to School Finance Statute \(Chapter 70\) - \(10/23/2002\)](#)
- [How Accurately Does the Foundation Budget Reflect Spending and Staffing Levels in Rural Regional School Districts? \(6/28/2002\)](#)
- [Report of the Foundation Budget Review Commission, June 2001 \(6/2001\)](#)
- [House Ways and Means Proposed Chapter 70 Reforms \(4/18/2001\)](#)
- [Governor's Proposed Chapter 70 Reforms \(1/26/2001\)](#)
- [Economic Analysis of the "Wage Factor" Concept \(2001\)](#)
- [Summary of Board of Education's Forum \(12/7/99\)](#)
- [Proposed Changes to Chapter 70 \(10/19/1999\)](#)
- [Background Discussion Paper -- Technical Issues Related to the Reauthorization of the Chapter 70 Formula \(8/24/1998\)](#)

6. **Statistics**

- [Sections 93 and 94 -- FY00 state budget provisions concerning excess debt](#)
- [Statistical Trends in Enrollment in Massachusetts Public Schools](#)

- [Chapter 70 aid distributions 1992-1999](#)
- Foundation Budget Spending Comparisons by Category

These charts compare each district's actual spending in various operational categories with the amounts allotted under the Chapter 70 program's target foundation budget.

[FY01](#) || [FY00](#) || [FY99](#) || [FY98](#) || [FY97](#)

7. **Foundation Enrollment**

- [Clarification to superintendents about 2002 SIMS reporting](#)

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