



David P. Driscoll
Commissioner of Education

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May 18, 2001

Dear Superintendents, and Leaders of Charter Schools and Collaboratives:

In this letter, I have 3 announcements and 5 items recently posted on our website at www.doe.mass.edu.

FY2000 Per Pupil Expenditures

Preliminary FY00 Per Pupil Expenditures have been calculated and posted at <http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/statistics/pp.html>. This year's reporting format has been enhanced to facilitate both trend analyses and comparisons among school districts.

TEAM (Technology Education Association of Massachusetts)

I want to call your attention to a concern that has been raised by the Technology Education Association of Massachusetts (TEAM) regarding the importance of technology/engineering education as a viable option of study for high school students. TEAM is committed to ensuring that all students should have the opportunity to participate in technology education programs that are high quality and are instructed by certified personnel. As you know, learning standards for technology/engineering education are included in the Science and Technology/Engineering Curriculum Framework recently by the Board of Education, and the study and assessment of those standards "counts" for students. I encourage you to review your current programs in science, technology/engineering education to ensure that a full range of learning opportunities is open for all of your students.

Constitution Day is September 17th

On Monday, September 17, 2001, the United States will observe Constitution Day defined as the date when the Founding Fathers adjourned the Constitutional Convention of 1787. At 4:00 p.m., Philadelphia time, on the 17th, on a nationwide television network, President Bush will lead schools across the nation in a recitation of the Preamble to the Constitution. I will have more details for you about this historic educational opportunity for your students and faculties, and I encourage you to consider having your schools participate in this event.

Here are 3 items recently posted on our website at www.doe.mass.edu:

1. MCAS Testing Schedule for the 2001-2002 School Year
[No longer available]
2. Early Child Education and Family Support Request for Proposals
[No longer available]
3. Chapter 74 Non-Residential Tuition rates for FY 2002
[[HTML](#)]
4. Technology Plan Update - Electronic forms Preview
[No longer available]
5. Goals 2000 Preservice/Eisenhower Higher Education Preservice Grants RFP (Fund Code 501)
[[HTML](#)]

Finally, regarding this MCAS test administration, reports indicate that with few exceptions the testing

period is running very smoothly. I am impressed by the seriousness of purpose with which students and teachers are conducting themselves, and I anticipate that this focused effort will continue throughout the remaining days. As always, I appreciate your hard work on behalf of students.

Sincerely,

David P. Driscoll
Commissioner of Education

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School Finance: Vocational Education

Memorandum

To: Superintendents, Superintendent-Directors
From: David P. Driscoll, Commissioner of Education
Date: May 20, 2001
Subject: **Chapter 74 Non-resident Tuition Rates for FY 2002**

Attached are the approved non-resident tuition rates for Chapter 74 approved vocational-technical programs for school year 2001-2002. These rates apply to regular secondary and postgraduate Chapter 74 non-residents. Rates for students in bilingual or special education Chapter 74 programs should be negotiated between the vocational-technical school and the city or town of residence. The additional cost added to the regular tuition rate must be based on per hour costs projected for the supplemental services required by the student.

The enclosed rates were calculated using the higher of actual fiscal year 2000 Chapter 74 per pupil costs or estimated fiscal year 2001 Chapter 74 per pupil costs as reported in the 2000 End-of-Year Pupil and Financial Report. Long term debt and transportation costs were not included. The increase or decrease from the previous year's tuition is limited to ten percent. Because of the ten percent limit on tuition increases, the non-resident tuition for many vocational-technical schools remains below their actual FY00 or estimated FY01 per pupil cost. The limit is imposed because it allows sending districts to estimate their costs in advance while providing vocational-technical schools with sufficient funds to cover the variable cost of serving these students (who are filling space which would otherwise remain vacant) as well as a portion of their fixed cost.

If you have questions concerning the Chapter 74 non-resident process, please contact Kevin Matthews of the School to Career cluster at (781) 338-3941.

Thank you for your leadership on behalf of vocational-technical education.

CHAPTER 74 NON-RESIDENT TUITION RATES FOR FY 02

Lea	School Name	Amount
016	Attleboro	8,451
035	Boston	7,655

049	Cambridge	12,088
061	Chicopee	6,257
093	Everett	8,280
107	Gloucester	3,442
137	Holyoke	7,988
150	Lee	8,025
153	Leominster	7,120
163	Lynn	7,224
176	Medford	11,285
207	Newton	5,751
229	Peabody	9,534
236	Pittsfield	9,112
239	Plymouth	6,421
243	Quincy	5,155
274	Somerville	5,846
281	Springfield	4,935
308	Waltham	14,083
325	Westfield	8,698
336	Weymouth	9,034
348	Worcester	9,173
406	Northampton-Smith	9,436
618	Berkshire Hills	6,051
760	Silver Lake	7,405
770	Tantasqua	8,240
801	Assabet Valley	9,513
805	Blackstone Valley	10,987
806	Blue Hills	11,332
810	Bristol-Plymouth	9,982
815	Cape Cod	11,154
818	Franklin County	12,024
821	Greater Fall River	9,592
823	Greater Lawrence	11,597
825	Greater New Bedford	11,065
828	Greater Lowell	10,963
829	South Middlesex	13,650
830	Minuteman	15,176
832	Montachusett	9,839

851	Northern Berkshire	10,589
852	Nashoba Valley	10,570
853	Northeast Metropolitan	11,079
854	North Shore	12,091
855	Old Colony	10,060
860	Pathfinder	10,146
871	Shawsheen Valley	11,459
872	Southeastern	9,466
873	South Shore	12,821
876	Southern Worcester	9,658
878	Tri County	9,529
879	Upper Cape Cod	10,704
885	Whittier	8,635
910	Bristol County	10,823
913	Essex County	10,792
915	Norfolk County	13,290

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Joint Department of Education/Board of Higher Education Grant Opportunity

Memorandum

To: Superintendents of Schools, Charter School Leaders, Collaborative Directors, Ch. 766 Approved Private School Directors, Building Principals

From: David P. Driscoll
Commissioner of Education

Date: May 15, 2001

I am pleased to announce that the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the final round of Goals 2000 Preservice/Eisenhower Higher Education Preservice grants for Redesign of Teacher Preservice Experiences (Fund Code 501) has been posted on the Department's web site as follows:

<http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/grants/grants02/rfp/501.html>

http://finance1.doe.mass.edu/grants/grants02/rfp/501_memo.html

Partnerships of school districts or schools with higher education institutions or other non-profit organizations that prepare new teachers for certification are eligible. All information on how to submit proposals for these partnership grants is contained in the RFP. Proposals are due in the Department of Education by **June 15**. I encourage you to participate in these partnerships to redesign teacher preservice preparation.

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