

Rio Rancho Public School's MOE

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Subject: Local MOE Reconciliation
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Good afternoon Superintendent,

As you may know, today is my last day with the PED and I wanted to get information to you before I depart. It was my intent to visit with you personally but time has gotten away from me. As such, I am reaching out by email.

I have been trying to get local special Ed MOE reconciled for about the last three years and have run into some internal roadblocks. These have been cleared up and we have recently completed the reconciliation of local MOE for the 10-11, 11-12, 12-13, 13-14 and 14-15 school years. This work led to considerable reductions in the liability for school districts, however some liability still exists. For your district, that amount is \$23,608.00.

You will be receiving a letter from my office in the next week explaining the liability and the terms of paying it back. Although the delay in reconciling was the fault of my office the liability still exists and needs to be returned by your district to the U.S. Department of Education. Since the delay is our fault, you are being given the option of paying the entire amount in the current school year or dividing it up between this school year and next school year, the decision is yours. I apologize for the delay and wish to thank you in advance for your attention to this matter. If you have questions, please direct them to Deborah Dominguez-Clark, State Director of Special Education at Deborah.Clark@state.nm.us or at [505-827-1423](tel:505-827-1423)

Best,

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- School districts had certification/verification through 13-14
- The last letter we received was April 28, 2015 regarding MOE for the FFY 2013 (2013-2014)
 - RRPS Requested a Reduction based on Gifted Miscodes for the 12-13 SY
 - RRPS was Approved for Adjustments and Allowable Exceptions of \$431,448.60
- To this point 10/19/17, RRPS has not received the letter from his office regarding our liabilities for 2010-2015. We need explanations of the Liabilities.
- Historically we have been given the opportunity to make our case regarding the liabilities through the verification process, Request for Reduction, etc. and been given the right to a hearing. Are we still going to have these processes available to us?
- RRPS had a \$5 million reserve and \$4.5 million was taken back by PED
 - RRPS feels that we have already paid \$4.5 million to the State and it is a hardship to have to pay an additional \$23,608.
- Concerns about current MOE 15-16 going forward to 16-17 – RRPS has had difficulty finding and replacing staff (Teachers and EA). We have found Related Service staff but at a higher cost through contract agencies.

Year	State Equalization Guarantee	Special Education Expenditures	Action	Reason
08-09	\$104,737,439.00			
09-10	\$96,934,926.00	\$16,237,601.87	RRPS Requested a reduction of \$1,166,231.78 and given a reduction of \$696,356	Decrease in Students with Disabilities
10-11	\$102,306,116.00	\$15,541,246.00		
11-12	\$103,152,103.00	\$15,595,399.48		
12-13	\$106,074,664.00	\$16,272,277.47	RRPS Requested a reduction	Gifted Miscodes
13-14	\$109,356,735.00	\$15,288,796.64		
14-15	\$115,896,045.00	\$15,699,231.91		
15-16	\$118,570,208.00	\$16,725,191.66	RRPS will be requesting a reduction	Voluntary Departure of SE or RS personnel
16-17	\$116,955,024.00	\$15,026,360.86		

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