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TO: Superintendents of School Districts Operating Universal Prekindergarten
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SUBJECT: Universal Prekindergarten (UPK): Changes to Maintenance of Effort Numbers
for the 2011-2012 School Year

The purpose of this memo is to alert districts that the actual Maintenance of Effort (MOE) number for some districts is different than the number displayed in Column K of the 2011-2012 Allocations Chart. The 2011-2012 Allocations Chart can be accessed on SED's website at <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/upk/>.

A district's MOE may differ for one of two reasons.

1. Twelve districts increased their 2010-2011 UPK enrollments through mid-year expansion. The children these districts added by mid-year expansion **are not included** in the MOE numbers displayed in Column K of the 2011-2012 Allocations Chart. The correct MOE to which districts will be held accountable is the total of the number of UPK students reported on the Fall 2010 BEDS report **plus** the number of UPK students the district added through mid-year expansion. Below is a list of these 12 districts and their correct MOE numbers.

Allegany-Limestone - 40; Camden - 99; Copenhagen - 21; East Ramapo - 1,666; Freeport - 303; Greenburgh - 95; Riverhead - 256; Roosevelt - 161; Roxbury - 11; Syracuse - 1,324; Utica - 557; and Waterloo - 54.

2. Since February 2011, a number of districts have corrected the UPK count they specified on the Fall 2010 BEDS report. In some cases the child count increased, while in others it decreased. For these districts, the MOE displayed in Column K does not reflect the corrected BEDS count. **The actual MOE to which such districts will be held accountable is the UPK BEDS count, as corrected.** Districts that made a correction to their BEDS counts should refer to their 2010-2011 Universal Prekindergarten Output Report, line 38 to verify that the corrected 2010-11 BEDS count is captured. This output report is available through the State Aid website.

Questions regarding this email or any aspect of the UPK program may be directed to the Office of Early Learning staff at emsceeri@mail.nysed.gov.