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November 21, 2013

Dear Private School Administrator:

For those administrators and directors who contract with Florida Virtual School (FLVS) for your McKay Scholarship students to take one or more courses in the 2013-14 school year, please be advised that deductions to the scholarship amounts will occur beginning with the February 1, 2014 payments. Section 1011.61(4), Florida Statutes was recently amended to revise the methodology for reporting and funding full-time equivalent (FTE) students beginning with the 2013-14 school year. The law provides that the maximum value for funding a student is 1.0 FTE for a school year or equivalent. Enrollment in a FLVS course by a student who is participating in the McKay Scholarship Program does not result in funded FTE in addition to the 1.0 limit. The FTE that is reported for such a student is prorated to 1.0 FTE and allocated proportionately. In other words, if a student receiving the McKay Scholarship enrolls in one segment of an FLVS course, the FTE is prorated to 1.0, with 1/13 allocated to FLVS and 12/13 allocated to the Scholarship.

The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice (OIEPC) will cross check current McKay Scholarship participating students enrolled in FLVS course work prior to the February 1, 2014 payments. Any students enrolled with FLVS at that time or indicating a course completion prior to the February payment will see a reduction in the February payment. Spring semester course work with FLVS will again be cross checked with OIEPC McKay enrollment and deductions for those enrollees and completers will occur in the April 1, 2014 payments.

ADAM MILLER

Executive Director

Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice

Below is an *example of payment adjustments for an 8th grade McKay student in Orange County with a matrix of 251 who is taking or has completed an Algebra I FLVS credit (both segments)*. Please keep in mind that the adjustment could be greater if more courses are taken.

2013-14 McKay Scholarship Amount: \$5200

Prorated Amount with (1) FLVS Credit (2 segments): \$4,457

Sept Payment	November Payment	February Payment	April Payment
\$1300.00	\$1300.00	\$900.00	\$957.00

Here is another *example of payment adjustments for an 8th grade McKay student in Orange County with a matrix of 251 who is taking or has completed a Driver's Education credit (one segment)*. Please keep in mind that the adjustment could be greater if more courses are taken.

2013-14 McKay Scholarship Amount: \$5200

Prorated Amount with (1) FLVS Course (1 segment): \$4,800

Sept Payment	November Payment	February Payment	April Payment
\$1300.00	\$1300.00	\$900.00	\$1300.00

We appreciate your concerns and apologize for the inconvenience. We ask that you share this information with both your current and future parents. As always, your continuing support of the McKay Scholarship Program is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact the School Choice information hotline at (800) 447-1636.

Sincerely,



Adam Miller

Executive Director

Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice