

June 18, 2014

Ms. Joylynn L. Pruitt, Superintendent  
University City School District  
8136 Groby Rd.  
University City, MO 63130-2042

Dear Ms. Pruitt:

On May 20, 2014 the Missouri State Board of Education took action to lapse the Normandy School District effective July 1, 2014. On Monday, June 16, 2014, further actions were taken to provide the basis for moving forward with the new Normandy Schools Collaborative, which will operate under a new governing board. The Normandy Schools Collaborative has been designated as a State Oversight District and will operate without an accreditation status for up to three (3) years.

As the result of these actions eligibility for transfers will cease. In order, however, to avoid significant interruption to the education process for most of the students who transferred in the 2013-14 school year, the Normandy Schools Collaborative will continue to provide the option to transfer under a new tuition structure to districts willing to continue to accept transfer students as outlined in Attachment A.

Though no changes in the governance structure in Riverview Gardens have been recommended or adopted, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (Department) is recommending that receiving districts give consideration to the revised transfer guidance that is in Attachment B. Acceptance of revised tuition calculation as provided in the guidance update will keep that district from being in the identical position one year from now.

In Attachment C, you will see the application of the revised calculation language. Based upon the assumption in the calculation model, it is estimated the tuition rate will be \$7,236 per ADA. This amount could fluctuate up or down depending upon fund that are actually available to flow through the formula in FY15.

It is especially critical that the Department be notified **by June 30, 2014** if your district opts not to accept the students under *Operating Policy for Transfers from the Normandy Schools Collaborative* or the *Guidance for Student Transfers from Unaccredited Districts to Accredited Districts*. If your district opts **not** to accept transfer students, please send your response to: [deputycommfinancial@dese.mo.gov](mailto:deputycommfinancial@dese.mo.gov).

If you have questions about this information, please feel free to contact the Department.

Sincerely,



Ronald Lankford

Attachments

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