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**Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Education
Superintendent's Memo #266-22**

DATE: November 18, 2022
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **FY 2023 Federal Pandemic Relief Employee Bonus Payment**

Item 137, Paragraph C.45. of Chapter 2, 2022 Session Session I Acts of Assembly authorizes federal State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds provided under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 to be provided to school divisions, Academic Year Governor's Schools, and Regional Alternative Education Programs for one-time pandemic bonuses based on funded instructional and support positions. Item 137, Paragraph C.45 states:

"Item 486 includes \$130,122,981 the first year from distributions of the federal State and Local Recovery Fund (SLRF) pursuant to the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA), as a provision of government services, for a one-time pandemic bonus payment of \$1,000 on December 1, 2022, per funded SOQ instructional position and support positions and per Academic Year Governor's School and Regional Alternative Education Program instructional and support positions. Funded SOQ instructional positions shall include all teacher, guidance counselor, librarian, instructional aide, principal, and assistant principal positions funded through the SOQ staffing standards for each school division in the first year."

School divisions, Academic Year Governor's Schools, and Regional Alternative Education Programs were notified of the certification process in [Superintendent's Memo #237-22](#).

Attachment A provides the final distributions that will be made out of project code APE60054. The Virginia Department of Education will distribute the bonus payments to school divisions by December 1, 2022, as required by Item 137, Paragraph C.45., Chapter 2, 2022 Special Session I Acts of Assembly. School divisions that are fiscal agents to Academic Year Governor's Schools and Regional Alternative Education Programs should review **Attachment A** to determine the amounts to provide for those programs.

For more information

If you have additional questions about bonus payments, contact the Budget Office at doebudgetoffice@doe.virginia.gov.

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- A. Attachment: [Final ARPA Bonus Distributions](#) (XLSX)