



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

DATE: June 23, 2017
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Changes to the Procedures for Calculating Immigrant Children and Youth Awards under Title III, Part A, of the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015***

Immigrant Children and Youth (IY) awards under Title III are currently based on a significant increase of identified IY students in the previous year as compared with the average of the two preceding fiscal years. A significant increase is defined as five or more students. Each division awarded IY funds receives a base amount of \$2,000 and a Per Pupil Expenditure (PPE) amount based on the division's IY student enrollment.

Under the *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015*, states must use current year student enrollment data as compared with the average of the two preceding fiscal years to calculate awards. The U. S. Department of Education has also encouraged states to define significant increase for the purposes of IY allocation calculations such that divisions receive awards that are substantial enough to make a meaningful difference to IY programs and services in those divisions.

Beginning with the Federal Fiscal Year 2017 (school year 2017-2018) awards, Virginia will base eligibility to receive IY funds on a significant increase of 20 or more students in the previous year as compared with the average of the two preceding fiscal years. Awards will be adjusted to reflect current year enrollment data after the fall student enrollment data as reported through the Student Record Collection are finalized. Divisions qualifying for IY funds will continue to receive a base amount of \$2,000 and a PPE amount based on their IY student enrollment.

Questions about changes to the procedures for calculating IY awards should be directed to Dr. Lynn Sodat, Director, Office of Program Administration and Accountability, at Lynn.Sodat@doe.virginia.gov or (804) 225-2870.

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