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Follow-Up on Committee Member Comments

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- **For the stipend program rate chart on slide 14 – what is the “base”? How are the monthly/daily rates derived?**

The increases are calculated using the Consumer Price Index (CPI), which is maintained and calculated by the Department of Labor’s Research and Analysis Section. A copy of that is attached for reference, see document titled: *Consumer Price Index.pdf*. The stipend program rate calculation is noted in 4 AAC 09.050(7).

From the stipend program regarding payment rates:

Payment rates for food and housing used the following survey data. Food costs were adjusted using December 1987 University of Alaska Cooperative Extension service survey data. Housing costs were updated using the State of Alaska, Department of Administration's Alaska Geographic Differential Study survey data on an urban family budget for Anchorage in April 1985, then adjusting costs from the CPI's to 1988, then determining the proportional cost of housing per person. School districts were grouped by region considering climatic and transportation characteristic, relating them to the communities for which cost-of-living data was available. The stipend rates remained unchanged until FY1999 when the department started to adjust the stipend rates by the CPI for Anchorage.

- **For Galena, what is the cost difference between the residential vs. stipend programs?**

Galena has not participated in the stipend program since FY2006. If they had eligible students in FY2020 for the stipend program, it would be \$801 per month, and their residential program is \$1,776 per month. Residential rates are set in statute AS 14.16.200 and the stipend program rate calculation is noted in 4 AAC 09.050(7).

- **Provide copies of the end of year annual reports for programs for the most recent fiscal year**

FY2019 residential year-end reports are attached as requested. See documents titled:

- *BSSD FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*;
- *Chugach FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*;
- *Galena FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*;
- *LKSD KLA FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*;
- *LKSD Ready Academy FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*;
- *Nenana FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*; and
- *NW Arctic FY2019 Year End Report.pdf*.

Please note that student level data is typically submitted with the Year End Reports, but that data is not being provided due to confidentiality purposes.

- **Provide the two new proposed residential program applications and budgets**

The application and budgets for the North Slope Borough School District and Lower Yukon School District are attached as requested. See documents titled: *North Slope Residential Learning Center Application.pdf* and *LYSD Residential Application.pdf*.

- **Provide details about the “standards of care” for students DEED references/holds districts to when evaluating applications**

The application requests information on the school’s plan for students in crisis-prevention, intervention, and follow-up. Other than that, and generic information requests, DEED does not have specific “standards of care”, as the persons hired to staff the residential facilities are school district employees and go through the same background checks that all other district employees must complete. The residential school programs are only available to students in the ninth through the twelfth grades. The residential schools also provide counselors for the students in case the student has trouble adjusting to being away from home. Districts also have policies in place to monitor the students in the program and if the student is not adjusting or is having behavioral problems the student will be sent home before the end of the program term.

Additionally, as a side note, references were made in the meeting to the issues with the State/BIA run boarding schools that were closed in the 1970’s and how they were very damaging to the students and what standards of care are in place with these programs. The old boarding schools included elementary aged students and the students did not have the option to return home which caused many problems for the young students. Those programs were run in an age when counseling services were not provided so the care of the students was lacking. The modern residential schools are limited to just 9-12 grades to minimize the separation issues and the student always has the option to return home and attend the school in their community if the student or district decides it is necessary.

- **Provide a funding breakdown for slide 24 for most recent fiscal year**
See the attached document titled: *FY2019 Residential Budget vs Actuals.pdf*.
- **Provide the history of TVEP districts selected that ended up in statute**
Funding for this program is run through the Department of Labor and Workforce Development (DOLWD). DOLWD would need to be contacted to determine why other technical or vocational residential schools are not receiving any of these funds.
- **Is there any postsecondary data available on our residential programs?**
DEED does not collect postsecondary data on the residential programs.
- **Reminder from DEED: Slide 13 was replaced at the time of the presentation – it has been attached for easy reference and is titled *DEED HFSC Residential Schools 1.31.2020 Slide 13 update.pdf*.**

[Department of Labor / Research and Analysis Section]

Consumer Price Index (CPI)**Consumer Price Index for Urban Alaska (formerly Municipality of Anchorage) and the U.S.
Not Seasonally Adjusted – All Items – Urban Consumers
1960-Present**

Note: the percent change is from the same period of the previous year.

	Urban Alaska						U.S.					
Year	1st Half	Percent Change	2nd Half	Percent Change	Annual	Percent Change	1st Half	Percent Change	2nd Half	Percent Change	Annual	Percent Change
2019	228.858	2.6					254.412	1.7				
2018	223.099	2.1	227.992	4.0	225.545	3.0	250.089	2.5	252.125	2.4	251.107	2.4
2017	218.616	0.7	219.131	0.2	218.873	0.5	244.076	2.2	246.163	2.0	245.120	2.1
2016	216.999	-0.1	218.660	0.9	217.830	0.4	238.778	1.1	241.237	1.5	240.007	1.3
2015	217.111	1.1	216.706	-0.1	216.909	0.5	236.265	-0.1	237.769	0.3	237.017	0.1
2014	214.777	1.9	216.833	1.4	215.805	1.6	236.384	1.7	237.088	1.5	236.736	1.6
2013	210.853	2.7	213.910	3.5	212.381	3.1	232.366	1.5	233.548	1.4	232.957	1.5
2012	205.215	2.5	206.617	2.0	205.916	2.2	228.850	2.3	230.338	1.8	229.594	2.1
2011	200.278	2.8	202.576	3.6	201.427	3.2	223.598	2.8	226.280	3.5	224.939	3.2
2010	194.834	2.5	195.455	1.0	195.144	1.8	217.535	2.1	218.576	1.2	218.056	1.6
2009	190.032	1.3	193.456	1.1	191.744	1.2	213.139	-0.6	215.935	-0.1	214.537	-0.4
2008	187.659	4.6	191.335	4.5	189.497	4.6	214.429	4.2	216.177	3.4	215.303	3.8
2007	179.394	1.5	183.080	2.9	181.237	2.2	205.709	2.5	208.976	3.1	207.342	2.8
2006	176.700	4.2	177.900	2.2	177.300	3.2	200.600	3.8	202.600	2.6	201.600	3.2
2005	169.600	2.4	174.100	3.8	171.800	3.1	193.200	3.0	197.400	3.8	195.300	3.4
2004	165.600	2.8	167.800	2.4	166.700	2.6	187.600	2.3	190.200	3.0	188.900	2.7
2003	161.100	2.3	163.900	3.1	162.500	2.7	183.300	2.5	184.600	2.0	184.000	2.3
2002	157.500	2.0	159.000	1.9	158.200	1.9	178.900	1.3	180.900	1.9	179.900	1.6
2001	154.400	2.9	156.000	2.7	155.200	2.8	176.600	3.4	177.500	2.2	177.100	2.8
2000	150.000	0.9	151.900	2.4	150.900	1.7	170.800	3.3	173.600	3.5	172.200	3.4
1999	148.600	1.3	148.300	0.9	148.400	1.0	165.400	1.9	167.800	2.5	166.600	2.2
1998	146.700	1.8	147.000	1.1	146.900	1.5	162.300	1.5	163.700	1.6	163.000	1.6
1997	144.100	1.6	145.400	1.2	144.800	1.5	159.900	2.6	161.200	2.1	160.500	2.3
1996	141.800	2.6	143.700	3.0	142.700	2.7	155.800	2.8	157.900	3.1	156.900	3.0
1995	138.200	2.9	139.500	2.7	138.900	2.9	151.500	2.9	153.200	2.6	152.400	2.8
1994	134.300	2.1	135.800	2.3	135.000	2.1	147.200	2.4	149.300	2.8	148.200	2.6
1993	131.500	3.3	132.800	2.9	132.200	3.1	143.700	3.2	145.300	2.8	144.500	3.0
1992	127.300	3.2	129.100	3.5	128.200	3.4	139.200	3.0	141.400	3.1	140.300	3.0
1991	123.300	5.5	124.700	3.6	124.000	4.6	135.200	5.1	137.200	3.5	136.200	4.2
1990	116.900	5.4	120.400	7.0	118.600	6.2	128.700	4.9	132.600	5.8	130.700	5.4
1989	110.900	2.3	112.500	3.3	111.700	2.9	122.700	5.1	125.300	4.7	124.000	4.8
1988	108.400	0.1	108.900	0.7	108.600	0.4	116.800	3.9	119.700	4.2	118.300	4.1
1987	108.300	0.0	108.100	0.7	108.200	0.4	112.400	3.0	114.900	4.4	113.600	3.6
1986	108.300	3.4	107.400	0.5	107.800	1.9	109.100	2.3	110.100	1.5	109.600	1.9
1985	104.700	1.9	106.900	2.9	105.800	2.4	106.600	3.6	108.500	3.4	107.600	3.6
1984	102.700		103.900		103.300	4.1	102.900		104.900		103.900	4.3
1983					99.200	1.8					99.600	3.2
1982					97.400	5.4					96.500	6.2
1981					92.400	8.1					90.900	10.3

1980					85.500	10.2					82.400	13.5
1979					77.600	10.5					72.600	11.3
1978					70.200	7.0					65.200	7.6
1977					65.600	6.7					60.600	6.5
1976					61.500	7.7					56.900	5.8
1975					57.100	13.7					53.800	9.1
1974					50.200	10.8					49.300	11.0
1973					45.300	4.4					44.400	6.2
1972					43.400	2.6					41.800	3.2
1971					42.300	2.9					40.500	4.4
1970					41.100	3.8					38.800	5.7
1969					39.600	3.9					36.700	5.5
1968					38.100	2.4					34.800	4.2
1967					37.200	2.5					33.400	3.1
1966					36.300	2.8					32.400	2.9
1965					35.300	0.9					31.500	1.6
1964					35.000	0.6					31.000	1.3
1963					34.800	0.3					30.600	1.3
1962					34.700	0.6					30.200	1.0
1961					34.500	1.5					29.900	1.0
1960					34.000						29.600	

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS).

Base: 1982-84=100

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND EARLY DEVELOPMENT
RESIDENTIAL SCHOOLS
FY2019 Actuals

DISTRICTS		FY2019 Projection		FY2019 Actual Totals		FY2019 Appropriation less Actuals
ANCHORAGE	Students	4		0		
ASD84346	Monthly Rate	\$1,200.00		\$0.00		
	Travel	\$2,400.00		\$0.00		
	Stipends	\$43,200.00		\$0.00		
	Total		\$45,600.00		\$0.00	\$45,600.00
BERING STRAIT	Students	26		25		
TBS84693	Monthly Rate	\$1,776.00		\$1,776.00		
	Travel	\$15,600.00		\$11,943.00		
	Stipends	\$415,584.00		\$399,600.00		
	Total		\$431,184.00		\$411,543.00	\$19,641.00
Chugach	Students	24		22		
TCR84707	Monthly Rate	\$1,200.00		\$1,200.00		
	Travel	\$14,400.00		\$15,300.00		
	Stipends	\$259,200.00		\$237,600.00		
	Total		\$273,600.00		\$252,900.00	\$20,700.00
GALENA-	Students	210		210		
TGC84987	Monthly Rate	\$1,776.00		\$1,776.00		
	Travel	\$160,434.00		\$145,794.86		
	Stipends	\$3,356,640.00		\$3,356,640.00		
	Total		\$3,517,074.00		\$3,502,434.86	\$14,639.14
LOWER KUSKOKWIM-	Students	75		74		
TLK84696	Monthly Rate	\$1,509.00		\$1,509.00		
	Travel	\$42,041.00		\$23,024.00		
	Stipends	\$1,018,575.00		\$1,004,994.00		
	Total		\$1,060,616.00		\$1,028,018.00	\$32,598.00
NENANA-	Students	100		77		
TNC84313	Monthly Rate	\$1,452.00		\$1,452.00		
	Travel	\$75,772.00		\$84,137.90		
	Stipends	\$1,306,800.00		\$1,006,236.00		
	Total		\$1,382,572.00		\$1,090,373.90	\$292,198.10
NORTH SLOPE	Students					
	Monthly Rate					
	Travel					
	Stipends					
	Total		\$0.00		\$0.00	\$0.00
NORTHWEST ARCTIC-	Students	40		40		
TNW84694	Monthly Rate	\$1,776.00		\$1,776.00		
	Travel	\$24,000.00		\$17,537.00		
	Stipends	\$639,360.00		\$639,360.00		
	Total		\$663,360.00		\$656,897.00	\$6,463.00
TOTALS		479	\$7,374,006.00	448	\$6,942,166.76	\$431,839.24