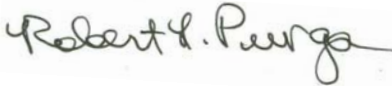




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To: Employment Preparation Education (EPE) Funded Providers
From: Robert L. Purga 
Re: Generating Contact Hours for Students with a High School Diploma

With regard to this year's State budget, neither the legislative bill nor the Governor's bill includes the necessary language authorizing the Commissioner of Education to set aside up to \$2.5 million of EPE funding to serve individuals 21 and above who have a high school diploma or a high school equivalency diploma but "fail to demonstrate basic educational competencies. Although the State budget is not yet final, since the setaside does not appear in either bill we have been notified to proceed on the assumption that EPE II funds will not be available in the 2010-2011 program year. As a result, no EPE contact hours may be generated on these students beginning July 1, 2010.

Many programs have included projected hours for students who have high school diplomas. Since the annual EPE allocation process generally awards only a portion of the EPE contact hour requested, SED will work with the 2010-2011 EPE applications as submitted. When the SA 160.1's are submitted early next year, programs should include revised projections taking into consideration that students with diplomas may not generate EPE state aid.

Programs will be notified if there is any change regarding the EPE setaside in the State budget, once the budget has been finalized.

If you have any questions you may contact your Adult Education Regional or Pat O'Neil at (518) 474-8940.

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