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TO: LEA Federal Program Directors

FROM: Dr. LaTricia Townsend, Director
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DATE: April 14, 2022

RE: American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) Exemptions

The March 2021 American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act mandated a Maintenance of Equity (MOEquity) calculation provision in section 2004(c)(2) at both the state and local levels. This calculation is required for both FY 2022 (SY 2021-2022) and FY 2023 (SY 2022-2023). Based on law and guidance from the United States Department of Education (USED) there are three exemptions to this reporting criteria:

- Fewer than 1000 students in the LEA
- Only one school serving students in each grade span (elementary, middle, high) within the LEA
- No aggregate reduction in state and local per-pupil expenditures with the LEA

In order to ensure that all LEAs have the opportunity to claim the abovementioned exemptions that apply, the data will be collected as **self-reported** data from the LEA. If your LEA, as of April 1, 2022, has a collective membership of less than 1000 students or only has one school per grade span, then the American Rescue Plan Maintenance of Equity (ARP MOEquity) Exemption form must be completed and submitted to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction. All charter schools in North Carolina are considered to be single site LEAs, thus they are automatically exempt and are not required to submit the ARP MOEquity form.

Any LEA who has not experienced a decrease in state and local per-pupil expenditures during the 2021-2022 school year as compared to pre-pandemic (2019-20) per-pupil expenditures is exempt from ARP MOEquity reporting. However, if this is true for both state and local per-pupil expenditures, then the LEA will complete and submit Appendix B to the North Carolina Department of Public Instruction attesting to this fact.

It is anticipated that the LEA exemption list will be required to be submitted to USED at the end of April. For this reason, all ARP MOEquity Exemption and Appendix B forms must be submitted

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via email to Alex Charles (alex.charles@dpi.nc.gov) no later than April 29, 2022. Any LEA who does not submit and receive approval on one of the two exemption forms will be required to complete and submit MOEquity calculations in the Summer/Fall.

Any questions should be directed to Alex Charles (alex.charles@dpi.nc.gov).

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C. Alex Charles, Consolidated Section Chief

Enc: American Rescue Plan Maintenance of Equity (ARP MOEquity) Exemption Form
Appendix B Form