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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Chief School Administrators
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From: Secil Onat, Acting Assistant Commissioner
Division of Finance and Business Services

Process for Filing an Application to Borrow Due to Delay in June 2024 State School Aid Payments (*N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*)

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has posted a summary of the 2024 borrowing process on the [Application to Borrow Due to Delayed June Payment webpage](#) including the application to request NJDOE approval to enter into short-term financing, if needed, pursuant to *N.J.S.A. 18A:22-44.2*, from the bank of the district's choice, due to the delay in the June 2024 state school aid payments. The application, to be submitted to the Executive County Superintendent (ECS), includes a one-page form for pertinent banking and borrowing information, a cash flow worksheet to demonstrate the need to borrow, and instructions on completing the cash flow worksheet. Due dates applicable to school districts and the ECS are presented in the table below.

The ECS may approve loans up to the lesser of either the amount of the delayed June state school aid payments or the amount on line 20 of the completed cash flow worksheet. Please be advised that to facilitate completion of the application to borrow, the preliminary amount of a district's June 2024 state aid payments will be available from the ECS on May 17, 2024 and the final amount, inclusive of all adjustments, will be available from the ECS by June 6, 2024. Be aware that the June 6, 2024 report of the adjusted state aid payment total is the amount that must be used in comparing the delayed June state aid payments with the amount on line 20 of the cash flow worksheet.

The district's state aid payment is expected to be made to the district's regular state aid bank account on July 11, 2024 but will be made no later than July 12, 2024. This payment must be used to pay off the principal amount borrowed, as approved by the ECS. For borrowing on the June 2024 delayed state aid payments, as in the prior year, the *district* will again be responsible for directly repaying the note to the lending bank. The state will not issue payments to the lending bank.

The state will also pay the interest cost approved by the ECS. Interest payments will be made as an addition to the district's regular state aid payment. Please be aware that in order to be considered for interest repayment by the state, the submission to the ECS must include a written bank proposal from the lending bank. The written bank proposal should state, at a minimum, the principal amount, interest rate, and total interest cost through July 11, 2024 and through July 12, 2024, with a term not to exceed the period June 10, 2024 through July 12, 2024. The ECS will review all interest costs to ensure districts have received the most competitive market rate. Interest costs that exceed a competitive rate may not be approved. In such instances, the ECS may encourage those districts to return to the marketplace to receive a more competitive bank proposal.

Upon receiving approval by the ECS to borrow from a bank, districts should work with the approved bank to borrow an amount within the approved amount. A sample promissory note for use by districts, as well as other related borrowing documents, is posted on the Department's Finance webpage.

Applicable Due Dates

Activity	Due Date for Borrowing of June 10, 2024 Payment	Due Date for Borrowing of June 24, 2024 Payment
Completed application due to county office (including application form, cash flow worksheet, supporting information, and bank proposal stating interest rate)	May 28, 2024	June 12, 2024
County office decision on applications (with copy saved in Microsoft Teams channel for borrowing)	June 6, 2024	June 20, 2024
Promissory note due to NJDOE Office of School Finance (copy saved in Microsoft Teams channel for borrowing)	June 13, 2024	June 26, 2024

Questions regarding the borrowing process should be directed to the [County Office of Education](#).

- c: Members, State Board of Education
- Kevin Dehmer, Acting Commissioner
- NJDOE Staff
- Statewide Parent Advocacy Network
- Garden State Coalition of Schools
- NJ LEE Group