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To: Superintendents in School Districts Receiving Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) and/or Statewide Universal Full-Day Prekindergarten (SUFDPK) Funding

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This memo provides information to help school districts understand how the removal of the state supplement not supplant language from 2024-2025 UPK funding impacts those receiving Universal Prekindergarten (UPK) state-administered allocations and Statewide Universal Full Day Prekindergarten (SUFDPK) grant awards to operate a Prekindergarten (PreK) Program.

The FY 2025 enacted State budget removes the supplement not supplant requirement for State funds, allowing school districts to access their SUFDPK grant awards prior to accessing or even exhausting their UPK allocations.

WHO does this impact?



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Example #1

Helderburgh CSD - utilizes three funding sources, as follows

- UPK Allocation
\$978,960 to serve 92 FTE 4-year-olds (approx. per pupil \$10,640)
- SUFDPK Grant Award
\$935,416 to serve 4-year-olds (per pupil \$7k w/ uncertified teacher or \$10k w/ certified teacher)
- Local Funds
\$340,000 to serve 36 FTE 4-year-olds (approximately per pupil \$9400) to supplement the other half-day of programming awarded through the SUFDPK grant.

In this situation, according to Education Law referenced above, Helderburgh CSD would be required to continue to use local funding in combination with SUFDPK funding to provide full-day services for 4-year-old students because the district has already been using funds in this manner prior to the 2024-2025 program year.

Example #2

Hallmark CSD - utilizes 2 funding streams, as follows:

- UPK Allocation
\$820,000 to serve 124 FTE 3-year-olds (approx. per pupil \$6,613)
\$708,000 to serve 111.5 FTE 4-year-olds (approx. per pupil \$6,350)
- SUFDPK Grant Award
\$1,120,000 to serve 4-year-olds (per pupil \$7k w/ uncertified teacher or \$10k w/ certified teacher)

Hallmark CSD School serves 80 FTE 3-year-olds and 98 FTE 4-year-olds all with certified teachers. To maximize their projected allocation/grant payable amount they would access the UPK allocation for their 3-year-olds and then use the SUFDPK grant
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