### **PUTTING STUDENTS FIRST**



# A Focus on Key Areas of the State Aid Claim Forms to Maximize Aid

State Aid & Financial Planning Service
Coffee Talk
August 2021



# Agenda

- Where to find the Claim Forms and helpful resources
- How attendance reporting affects aid
- Areas to focus for Forms A, FT, and FB
- □ ST-3 Items
- Plans for September Workshops

# Claim Forms

Deadlines and Changes

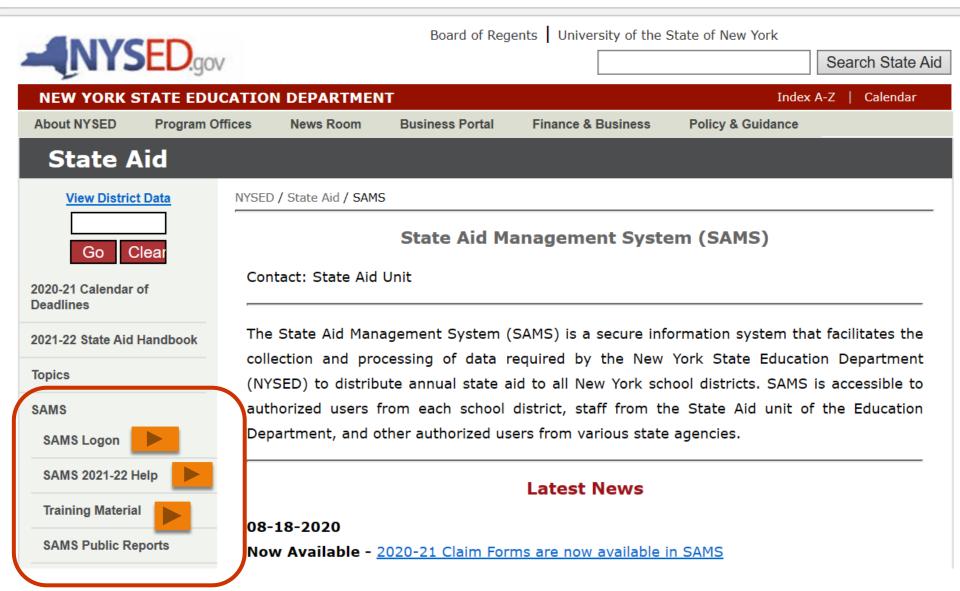
### When are State Aid Claim Forms Due & Why are They Due Then?

	Due Date for Submission of Data	Principal Purpose of the Data File	
Original State Aid Claim Forms	September 2, 2021 *	1. Reporting Actual 2020-21 Expenses and Data for 2021-22 Aid	
Submission		2. Projecting 2021-2022 Expenses and Data for 2022-23 Aid	
	October 15, 2021 **	NYS Executive Budget Proposal	
Revisions	January 15, 2022 **	NYS Budgetary Negotiations and Final Enacted Budget	<
	April, 15, 2022 **	Adjusted State Fiscal Projections or Final NYS Budget (If State Budget is late and Governor and Legislature elect to use latest revised data)	<

<sup>\*</sup> Original State Aid Claim Forms are due by statute on September 2 or the first day of business in the month of September

<sup>\*\*</sup> NYSED recommends submitting revisions by mid month to ensure inclusion in the following month's state database

# Claim Forms Done in SAMS





### **Application Business Portal**

Portal Dashboard

### My Applications

In order to view secure applications, you must be logged in. Please Log In to continue to your NYSED Business Portal Applications.

### % Public Links

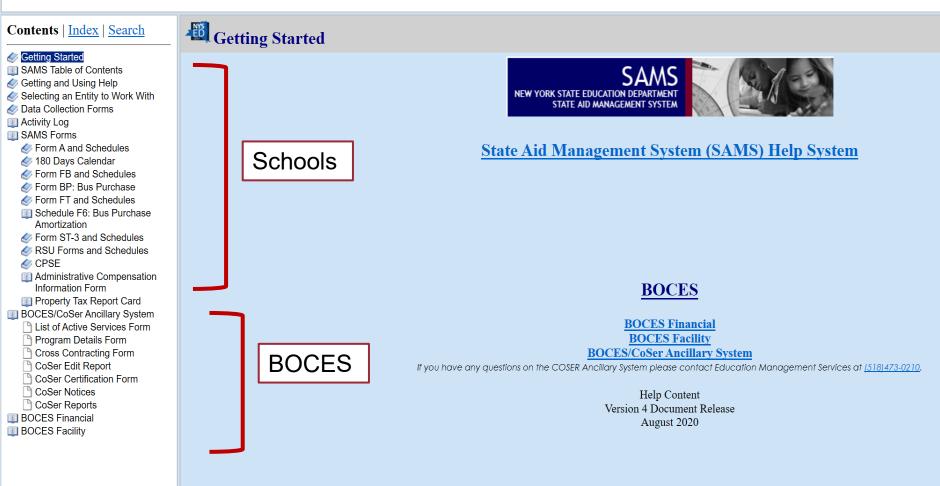
- Inventory of Registered Programs
- Look Up Postal Zip Codes
- NYSED Public web site
- Professional License Online Verification Searches
- SEDREF Query
- Teacher Certification Help
- TEACH Public Inquiry System

### ♣ Other Applications

- Child Nutrition Knowledge Center (CN)
- Impartial Hearing Reporting System (IHRS)
- Rate Setting Unit (RSU)
- System to Track and Account for Children (STAC)
- Teacher's Certification (TEACH)
- Teacher Access and Authorization



### State Aid Management System (SAMS) Help 2021-22







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### **SAMS Training Materials**

### **FOR SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

- Urgent Tips For SAMS (State Aid Management System) Submissions.
- SAMS Frequently asked Questions
- SAMS Training Manual for District Users Version 7 ( 1,755 KB)
- SAMS: Introduction to the State Aid Management System ( 3 MB)
- How to do Revisions in SAMS ( 609 KB)

### State Aid Output Reports

• State Aid Output Reports Powerpoint Presentation ( 147KB)

### **FOR BOCES**

- BOCES SA-109 and SA-116A SAMS Training Webinar presented March 6, 2019
   Play Recording (36 min)
- BOCES SAMS Training Webinar presented August 18, 2020

Play Recording (1 hr 44 min)

SAMS Powerpoint Presentation ( 8,503 KB)

RWADA Powerpoint Presentation ( 2,756 KB)

- Template for converting XML files to EXCEL ( 295 KB)

# Resources Available on Our Website

### Guidebooks:

- Workbook for 2021-22 General State Aid Claim Forms
  - Line-by-line explanation of what each line in the claim forms should include
- Supplemental Schedules SS10-SS16 Guidebook
  - Provides guidance on completing these schedules for any in-district Summer 4408 program(s)
  - Note: Special webinar coming in September on completing these schedules
- Fund Balance and Reserves Guidebook
  - Provides guidance on recording activity in reserves and reporting reserves and restricted cash in the ST-3

## Resources Available on Our Website

### Other Tools:

- State Aid Reconciliation
  - Under Topics, then State Aid link
- July 2021 Coffee Talk
  - Reviewed many of the claim forms
    - Purpose
    - Where data is gathered from
    - Who may be able to help you gather key information
    - Available under Topics, then Webinars and/or Webinar Recordings



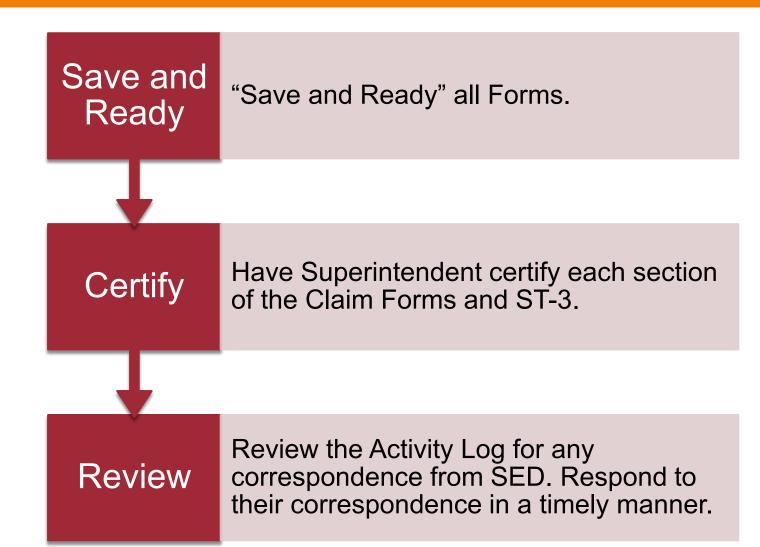
# Claim Forms Process

# Gather data with the assistance of other Gather key district staff. Transportation Director, Pupil Personnel Director/Special Education Director, Treasurer, Data Coordinator, Etc. Complete the Claim Forms and ST-3 in Complete SAMS Run Edit Reports and clear issues or Run provide detailed explanations.

Claim Forms Process

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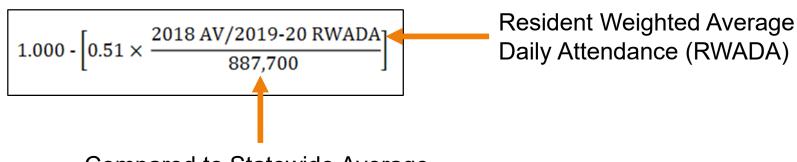


# Why Does Attendance Matter?



# Impact of Pupil Counts on Aid Ratios

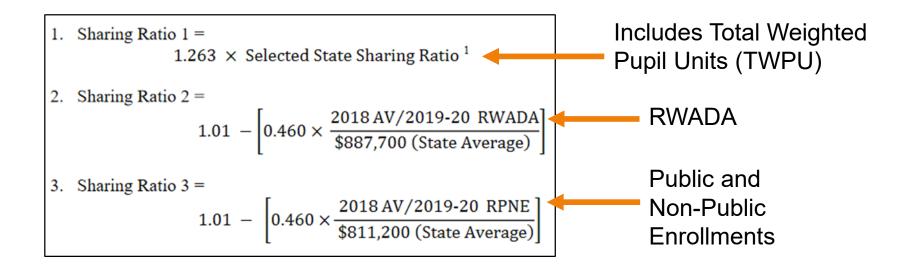
- RWADA Aid Ratio
- Compares wealth measure (Actual Valuation) per weighted pupil count (Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance) to statewide average
- Used for Building Aid and BOCES Services Aid



Compared to Statewide Average

# **Transportation Aid Ratios**

Selected Transportation Aid is the highest of the following:



### **Foundation Aid Calculation**

Adjusted State Sharing Local Cost of Education/ Pupil |x **Selected TAFPU** X **Ratio** Average Daily Membership (ADM) **Average Cost of Successful** The Greater of: **Special Education Pupils (1.41 Weighting) Schools** 1.37 - (1.23 \*CWR) 1.0- (0.64 \*CWR) X **Declassified Pupils (.50 Weighting)** 0.80 - (0.39 \* CWR) **Regional Cost Index** 0.51 - (0.173 \* CWR) **Summer School Pupils (.12 Weighting)** X

**Dual Enrollment Pupils** 

**Pupil Need Index** 

**Census Poverty (.65 Weighting)** 

FRPL (.65 Weighting)

**ELL (.50 Weighting)** 

**Sparsity** 

# Connection to Form A Schedules

### **Selected TAFPU**

=

Average Daily Membership (ADM)

+

**Special Education Pupils (1.41 Weighting)** 

+

**Declassified Pupils (.50 Weighting)** 

+

**Summer School Pupils (.12 Weighting)** 

+

**Dual Enrollment Pupils** 

Part II. Average Daily Attendance and Average Daily Membership 2018-19 School Year 2019-20 School Year 2020-21 School Year (Actual) (Projected) A: Attendance 1/2 Day K UNWTD ADA (SCH A) Full Day K-3 ADA (SCH A) 702.90 706.43 705 Grades 4-6 ADA (SCH A) 588.10 546.16 550 Grades 7-12 ADA (SCH A) 1,323.35 1,269.26 1,270 733.77 749.47 749 Full Day K-3 ADM 576.53 576 Grades 4-6 ADM 613.88

### TAFPU AND TWFPU BASED ON 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR DATA OUTPUT REPORT (FAPU-1)

Grades 7-12 ADM

	Danie Con Cr Rei Chi (Fil C-1)		
		Glossary	
	PART I: AVERAGE DAILY MEMBERSHIP (ADM)		
1	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL AM K ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM HALF K AM)	0.00
2	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL PM K ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM HALF K PM)	0.00
3	2018-19 1/2 DAY K UNWEIGHTED ENROLLMENT FOR RESIDENT PUPILS ATTENDING CHARTER SCHOOLS	(2019-20 SCH U ENT 8)	
4	2018-19 1/2 DAY K ADM @ 50% WEIGHTING	(ENTS (1+2) + (ENT 3 * 0.5))	0.00
5	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL K-3 ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM 7. GRADE K-3)	33.74
6	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL 4-6 ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM 6 GRADE 4-6) 6	13.85
7	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL 7-8 ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM 4: GRADE 7-8)	27.90
8	2018-19 COMPUTED TOTAL 9-12 ADM (INCLUDING ENTER GRADE)	(SA-129 YR: ADM 9: GRADE 9-12)	56.97
9	2018-19 GRADES K-3 FTE ENROLLMENT OF SWD ATTENDING BOCES	(2019-20 FORM A ENT 25)	5.00
10	2018-19 GRADES 4-6 FTE ENROLLMENT OF SWD ATTENDING BOCES	(2019-20 FORM A ENT 26)	3.00
11	2018-19 GRADES 7-12 FTE ENROLLMENT OF SWD ATTENDING BOCES	(2019-20 FORM A ENT 27)	15.10

# 18 Form A

# Schedules A2/A4

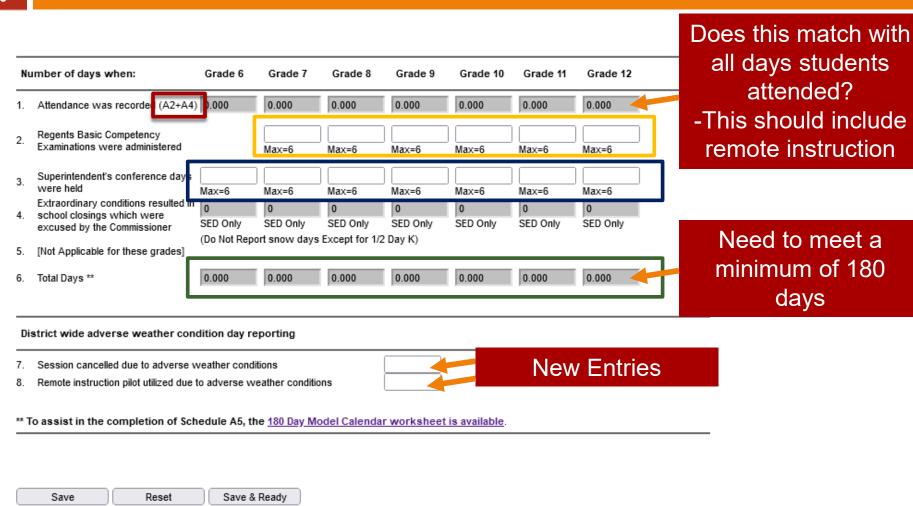
- Check for Reasonableness
- Does it make sense to compare with 2019-20 school year or should you look at prior years?



Try comparing to 2019-20 Claim Year (18-19 School Year)

Par	t I.									
Semester 2:		Possible Aggregate Attendance	Aggregate Attendance	Adjusted Aggregate Attendance	Actual Session (NOTES 1 &	Net Session 2)	ADA (AdJ.Aggregate Attendance/ Net Session)	U nadj.ADA (A ggregate A ttendance/ A ctual Session)	Poss. Aggregate Attendance/Actual Session(NOTE 3	Session
1.	A.M. Kdg.			0		0.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
2.	P.M. Kdg.			0		0.000	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000
3.	Full Day Kdg.	16,100	15,368	15,368	92.000	92.000	167.04	167.04	175.00	177.000
4.	Grade 1	16,867	16,102	16,102	92.000	92.000	175.02	175.02	183.33	177.000
5.	Grade 2	17,257	16,525	16,525	92.000	92.000	179.61	179.61	187.57	177.000
3.	Grade 3	17,311	16,539	16,539	92.000	92.000	179.77	179.77	188.16	177.000
	-Total	07.505	04.504	04.504						
7.	Full Kdg3	67,535	64,534	64,534						
3.	Grade 4	15,977	15,199	15,199	92.000	92.000	165.20	165.20	173.66	177.000
9.	Grade 5	17,931	17,134	17,134	92.000	92.000	186.23	186.23	194.90	177.000
10.	Grade 6	22,743	21,741	21,741	92.000	92.000	236.31	236.31	247.20	177.000
	-Total									
11.	Grades 4-6	56,651	54,074	54,074						
12.	Grade 7	20,320	19,309	19,309	92.000	92.000	209.88	209.88	220.86	177.000
13.	Grade 8	19,183	18,400	18,400	92.000	92.000	200.00	200.00	208.51	177.000
	-Total									
14.	Grades 7-8	39,503	37,709	37,709						
15.	Grade 9	21,206	20,352	20,352	88.000	88.000	231.27	231.27	240.97	169.000
16.	Grade 10	20,181	19,272	19,272	88.000	88.000	219.00	219.00	229.32	169.000
17.	Grade 11	20,953	19,850	19,850	88.000	88.000	225.56	225.56	238.10	169.000
18.	Grade 12	22,353	21,098	21,098	88.000	88.000	239.75	239.75	254.01	169.000
Sub	-Total									
19.	Grades 9-12	84,693	80,572	80,572						
				_						
20.	Totals	248,382	236,889							

# Verifying Schedule A5



# Declaration of an Emergency

- For days where students did not attend due to a declared emergency
- Not reported in SAMS
- If district falls below
   180 days on Schedule
   A5, must submit documentation to:

180days@nysed.gov



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OFFICE OF EDUCATION FINANCE, EB139 Tel. (518) 486-2266 E-mail: 180days@nysed.gov

April 2021

TO: School District Superintendents
School District State Aid Designees
BOCES District Superintendents

FROM: Sean Giambattista, Director of Education Finance

RE: 180 Day Requirement Compliance for the 2020-21 School Year

This memorandum provides additional information to school district officials about reporting minimum instructional time requirements, including instructions for reporting days and minimum instructional hours for the 2020-21 school year to the Office of State Aid.

Page 6 of April Memo

### **Emergency Declarations Cancelling Session Days**

The Commissioner may also disregard a deduction for any day or days on which session had been previously scheduled, but the superintendent was required to close the school or schools due to a properly executed declaration of a state or local state of emergency. Session days cancelled by emergency declarations are different than cancellations due to "extraordinary conditions." Session days cancelled by emergency declaration do not need to exhaust vacation days and are not limited to five days in a school year.

A properly executed state of emergency is one where the chief executive of any county, city, town, or village issued a local state of emergency declaration "in the event of reasonable apprehension of immediate danger thereof, and upon a finding by the chief executive thereof that the public safety is imperiled thereby, such chief executive may proclaim a local state of emergency within any part or all of the territorial limits of such local government" (Executive Law §24(1)). The Governor of the State of New York may also issue a state of emergency for part or all of the State. Pursuant to section 1 of Executive Law §24, such declarations may:

- Establish a curfew and the prohibition and control of pedestrian and vehicular traffic, except essential emergency vehicles and personnel.
- Designate specific zones within which the occupancy and use of buildings and the ingress and egress of vehicles and persons may be prohibited or regulated.
- · Regulate and close places of amusement and assembly.
- Prohibit and control of the presence of persons on public streets and places.

# 180 Day Calendar and 900/990 Hours

- Don't need to upload the 180 Day Calendar Spreadsheet, but will enter in Total Session Days and Hours
- This sheet needs to agree with Schedule A5
- Waivers for hours for the 2020-21 and 2021 22 school years are still available

School BEDS Code	School Name	Grade Range	Total Session Days	Total Hours	Total SCD Hours	
100000000001	Shady Pines Elementary	K-6	179	912	18	
100000000002	Sandy Shores Middle School	7-8	181	1004	20	
100000000003	Achievement High School	9-12	183	993	20	

# Form FT: Is it Reasonable?

# Form FT Mileage Data

- Review mileage
- Other Purpose Mileage used for deduction
- Do actuals for 2020-21 look reasonable?
- Do you need to look back at older claim years for 2021-22 projection?



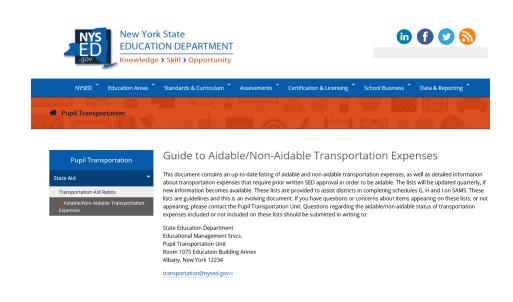
Form FT: Transportation Data			
Form FT - Transportation Data 2021-22 Claim Year	2019-20 School Year SED File (Prior)	2020-21 School Year EDP Form #10 (Actual)	2021-22 School Year EDP Form #38 (Projected)
Part X. Transportation Expenditures			
110a. Nonallowable Pupil Decimal		0.0116 (from SED or NPD worksheets)	
110b. Enter the Date of the First Day of School that students attended (in MM/DD/YYYY format) Note school year above each column			
111. District Owned Bus Mileage - Regular Routes	598,203		
112. District Owned Bus Mileage - For Buses Leased or Contracted to Others for Transportation (Not Education Law 1709(25)(h))	129		
113. District Owned Bus Mileage - For Buses Leased or Contracted to Others for Non-Resident Preschool or DFY (Education Law 1709(25)(h))			
114. District Owned Bus Mileage - 4408 Summer	17,281		
115a. District Owned Bus Mileage - Other Purposes (Excluding Regular District Operated Summer School)	29,833		
District Owned Bus Mileage - Regular District Operated Summer School (Excluding 4408 and BOCES Operated)			

# Form FT Lines 117-118

- Employee Benefits Calculation
  - Include Health/ Dental (single coverage)
  - FICA
  - ERS
  - Worker's Compensation, Unemployment
- Not allowed to include benefits associated with monitors, and aides not required by an IEP

# Form FT Schedules G, H, I, J, K

- Can't be greater than what is reported on the corresponding entries on the ST-3
- Must be listed on the aidable transportation expense list



http://www.nysed.gov/pupiltransportation/guide-aidablenon-aidabletransportation-expenses

# Form FB

Interest Rate Reduction Waiver Application Form

This form will only populate if there is a project that will potentially be affected

For complete details on Project data	Explanation of Project Data.													
For instructions on filling out the for	m, please see the SAMS Help	file.												
Reasons for Waiver Request:  1. Bond Issued as 1	lon Callable													
<ol> <li>Already refinance</li> <li>Refunding this box</li> </ol>	ed; additional advance refundi and would not meet savings th	ing not permitted. Bond not currently callai reshold in NYS Local Finance Law	ble until future date											
District would ex	ceed its constitutional debt limi	t as a result of refinancing												
Prospective Project Waiver Ap	plication													
Project Number	2021-22 Estimated Single		over Remaining Life of Are you applying for a waiver for Project		sue Currently Financi	urrently Financing this  Reason for Waiver Request						Call Date		
	Year Aid Impact	Project	this project?	(Enter In MM/DD/	/YYYY Format)							(Enter In I	MM/DD/YYYY Format)	Approved?
5016 003	-17	-86	Yes		11/09/2017		V				~		10/01/2028	Υ
									<b>A</b>					
Summary Of Estimated Aid Imp	eact								4					
2021-22 Estimated Aid Impact: All Projects		21-22 Estimated Aid Impact: cluding Waived Projects	Estimated Aid Impac All Projects	t Over Remaining	Life: Esti Exc	imated Aid Im cluding Waive		er Remaining Life: ts						
-17		0		-86			0		]					
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					Bond	Issued A	As No	on Callable [1]						
					Alread	dy Refin	ance	d; Additional Adv	vance R	Refunding N	ot Permitted [	2]		
					Refun	ndina Thi	is Bor	nd Would Not Me	et Savir	nas Thresh	old In NYS Lo	cal Finar	ice Law [3]	

District Would Exceed Its Constitutional Debt Limit As A Result Of Refinancing [4]

# **Building Condition Survey**

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### Form FB: Building Data Form FB - Building Data 2021-22 Claim Year 2019-20 School Year 2020-21 School Year 2021-22 School Year EDP Form #38 SED File EDP Form #10 (Prior) (Actual) (Projected) Part XI. Miscellaneous Data for Aid and Projections 136. 2021-22 Projected Total Capital Expense (Not Borrowed Monies). In addition to budgetary appropriations, please include 2021-22 Projected Expenses shown in Item 137 (last column) and the non-borrowed projected EXCEL expenditures that will be transferred from the General Fund to the Capital Fund. Do not include non-borrowed projected EXCEL expenditures that will be recorded directly in the Capital Fund. Note: Entry 136 projection is used for the estimated Non Resident Tuition calculation. 137. Of the Expenses reported in Item 136 above, report only 2021-22 Projected 100,000 Capital Outlay Exception Expense for Emergency projects, project less than \$100,001, or Small City Debit Limit Waiver. 138. Building Condition Survey: Total Square Footage of Buildings Surveyed 2020-21 Actual 2021-22 Estimated 2019-20 Prior 139. Expenditures for Building Condition Surveys associated with the square footage reported in Entry 138 above 2019-20 Prior 2020-21 Actual 2021-22 Estimated Note: To apply for 2021-22 Building Condition Survey aid for 2020-21

expenditures, please enter actual expenditures in 2020-21 middle column

Only districts on SED Office of Facilities Planning 2020 & 2021 BCS assignment lists and NYC can apply for 2021-22 BCS aid.

To enter 2021-22 projected building condition survey expenditures, please

Only districts on SED Office of Facilities Planning 2021 or 2022 BCS

assignment lists and NYC can report 2021-22 projections.

enter expenditures in 2021-22 column.

2020 BUILDING CONDITION SURVEY AND VISUAL INSPECTION (11-16-2020)

ACTION REQUIRED: Must be completed by December 31, 2020 and submitted by March 1, 2021

### 2020 Building Condition Survey and 2020 Visual Inspections

The 2020 Building Condition Survey (BCS) and 2020 Visual Inspection (VI) districts deadlines are looming. These surveys and inspections must be completed by 12/31/20 and submitted by 03/01/21.

Although NYSED has requested that the deadline (which is in law) be extended, an extension has not yet been provided. In the absence of such response, we encourage all districts to prepare to complete their assigned BCSs and VIs timely. Districts assigned to the 2020 BCS grouping may lose the BCS reimbursement if there is no extension and the surveys are not completed according to the statutory timelines.

Please reference the website, Building Condition Survey and Visual Inspection:

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/BldgCondSurv.htm

- o 2020-2024 Building Condition Survey Assignment List (115KB) (12/10/20)
- 2020 and 2022 Visual Inspection Assignment List (181 KB) (11/22/19)

http://www.p12.nysed.gov/facplan/

# ST-3

Importing From Your Software and Key Areas to Check

# ST-3 Tips and Recommendations



## SAMS has an import function

- Can pull in automatically your accounting records for the current year actual numbers
  - For all funds!
  - Close your funds first, so final fund balance is transferred to ST-3 properly
- Would still need to manually enter the projected expenditures for 21-22
  - Reminder: Enter projected expenditures for 21-22, not necessarily 21-22 budget
  - This information will be used for projecting 22-23 State Aid

# ST-3 and Claim Forms

- Information in the ST-3 meets two purposes:
  - All governments in NYS must report their financial position annually
  - Expenditures eligible for aid are reported on the ST-3 and/or the claim forms and together are used to determine the eligible State Aid
- Important to ensure key information in the ST-3 are reported in the proper places, for example:
  - Instructional Material expenditures
  - Transportation expenditures
  - Summer 4408 expenditures

# Submitting the ST-3

- Run ST-3 Edit Report and clear or explain all questions/ comments
- Make sure all sections are set as "Ready"
- Have Superintendent review, complete ST-3 Certification form and transmit report
- Print OSC ST-3 Certification Form and have Treasurer sign & mail in
- Monitor the progress of the report by selecting "Activity Log" in SAMS
  - Respond promptly to any questions
  - Use "Revision Data" section for changes
  - Make sure to transmit revisions
    - Doesn't require Superintendent to send revisions

# Fall Workshops



# Plans for Fall Workshops

- Due to ever changing status of the pandemic and out of concern for our subscribers, we will not be holding the 2021 Fall Workshops in person
- We hope to return to in-person Fall Workshops in September 2022
- We continue to be available for BOCES /ASBO Chapter Meetings



# Plans for September 2021



- Our webinars have been well received, but we respect the fact that one hour webinars are the preferred length, so we will:
  - September Coffee Talk will replace our Fall Workshop (and will be recorded for easy listening options)
    - Focus will be on the most common issues with the Claim Forms and ST-3 and how to resolve them
  - We will hold our Knowledge Café and BO-Talks in September on current issues
  - We will have a webinar on how to complete the Supplemental Schedules SS10-SS16 for those who operate their own Summer 4408 program(s)

# Next Coffee Talk

September 14, 2021 @ 9 AM

Topic: Troubleshooting Claim Form Issues and Revisions and Edits



# Contact Us



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