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Memorandum

To: Parish/City School Superintendents
Public School Principals, Guidance Counselors and AP Coordinators
Diocesan, Charter, and Nonpublic School Principals

From: Karen Burke, Assistant Superintendent *KB*
Office of Educator Support

Date: April 12, 2010

Subject: Spring 2010 Advanced Placement® (AP®) Test Fee Reimbursement Program

The Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) will provide low-income students across the state with the opportunity to have their AP® Exam fees **reimbursed** through an Advanced Placement® Test Fee Program grant awarded to the Louisiana Virtual School (LVS) by the U.S. Department of Education. With funding from the AP® Test Fee Program, the LDE will reimburse \$56 for each Advanced Placement® Exam taken by students who meet the definition of low-income and are enrolled in both public and Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education (BESE) approved nonpublic schools. The term "low-income individual" means an individual who is determined by a state educational agency or local educational agency to be a child, **ages 5 through 19 on exam day**, from a low-income family, based on children eligible for free or reduced-price lunch under the National School Lunch Act, children in families receiving assistance under Part A of Title IV of the Social Security Act, and children eligible to receive medical assistance under the Medicaid Program under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

The AP® Exam fee will be reimbursed on behalf of students who were enrolled in a rigorous course preparing them for the AP Exam they have taken, took an AP® Exam during the May 2010 AP® College Board testing period and the school's AP® Coordinator indicated on the AP® Exam Answer Sheet that the student qualified for The College Board Fee Reduction by filling in Option 1. The College Board projects that the fee for each AP® Exam taken in May 2010 will be \$86. Whereas low-income students should receive a fee reduction of \$22 per exam from The College Board and the school will be **required** to waive the \$8 rebate, the Department will reimburse the difference of \$56 per exam ($\$86 - \$30 = \56). Please note that funds are limited and will be available until they are completely allocated. The AP® Test Fee Reimbursement application will be available on the Louisiana Virtual School's website at www.louisianavirtualschool.net in June 2010. Applications must be downloaded, completed, and then saved and printed to obtain original signatures. Original signed applications must be mailed to Rima Duhon in the Division of Technology on/before the **December 15, 2010 deadline**.

I strongly recommend that you encourage principals, teachers, and guidance counselors in your District to promote this opportunity with low-income students. Should you have questions or need further information, contact Rima Duhon at (225) 219-0440 or rima.duhon@la.gov.

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c: Paul G. Pastorek, State Superintendent of Education
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