

Talking Points on Chapter 192 (Compensatory Education)

- Compensatory Education consists of remedial services for Math, Language Arts, and Reading.
- Each of these services has been capped at \$995.33 for the current school year in the proposed Budget. That figure does not take into account the “off the top” administrative costs by the provider of the services. That figure has NOT been increased since the 2008-2009 school year.
- As a result of the static amount, the nature of the services have been reduced. There is no required number of minutes per week required for these services by the New Jersey Department of Education. When the law was first enacted in 1977, it was determined that the child receive at least 45 minutes per week in service. However, in recent years that amount has been reduced by many service providers and districts to as little as 25 minutes per week. In many instances, the class size has also been increased in these remedial programs in order to meet the statutory limit of \$995.33 per service.
- This year, an influx in the number of eligible nonpublic school students has reduced the per-pupil amount by 25% to \$746.50, thus reducing services even further.
- It is almost impossible to show significant effects in remediation with so little “time on task.” Our goal is to have these children remediated and not have them serve as “lifers” in the Compensatory Education programs.
- We are asking for an increase to \$1,100 per service for qualifying students.