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# DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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## Guidance Regarding Aid-in-Lieu of Transportation Payments

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) has released updated guidance regarding aid-in-lieu of transportation (AIL) payments for which school districts will be responsible in the 2020-2021 school year.

During the continued public health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, some schools have elected to, for at least part of the school year, provide instructional services entirely remotely or through a hybrid model, in which students receive in-person instruction for fewer than five days per week. These arrangements result in fewer trips between home and school for students eligible to receive AIL payments. As such, districts are authorized to provide a reduced AIL payment for eligible students. Specifically, districts may make an AIL payment for a student that is equal to the share of school days in which in-person instruction is provided.

Districts that elect to use this option are responsible for determining the number of days of in-person instruction provided.

Questions regarding this guidance should be addressed to [student.trans@doe.nj.gov](mailto:student.trans@doe.nj.gov).

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