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To: Chief School Administrators
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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.

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