

### **Revised Funding Structure for the §4201 Schools**

In contrast to the current funding structure in which the State directly pays the State-supported schools for blind and deaf students (§4201 schools) for allowable costs, Chapter 58 of the laws of 2011 amended sections 4204, 4204-a, 4204-b and 4207 of the Education Law to require school districts, beginning with the 2011-12 school year, to pay tuition for the ten-month school year based on a per pupil charge to the §4201 schools in the first instance. The school district that is responsible for paying tuition is the student's district of residence at the time the student is admitted to the §4201 school. The State will reimburse a school district for the positive difference between its tuition payments and basic contribution. The State will reimburse a school district during the last quarter of the 2011-12 school year for tuition incurred through December 31, 2011 provided the school district submits a claim to the Department on or before June 1, 2012. The State will continue to pay the §4201 school directly for their ten-month school year deaf infant program and maintenance (room and board) costs. The State will also continue to pay the Dormitory Authority for the debt service costs of the §4201 schools. The funding structure for the summer school special education programs of the §4201 schools remains the same.