# **FY 2019 Announced Tuition Data Collection**

# **Software and Data Reporting Instructions**

Due

**January 15, 2018** 

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#### **Background on Announced Tuition**

Each January 15<sup>th</sup> AOE posts tuition rates for all Vermont public schools, representing the anticipated net cost per pupil for the upcoming school year. This tuition amount is to be paid to the district in which the student attends public school by the district in which the student is a resident. Following the completion of the school year, and the collection of school finance data (Statbook), AOE calculates the actual net cost per pupil, also known as the maximum tuition rate, or **allowable tuition**. If a payment made to a school district is three percent more or less than the net cost per pupil, as determined by the allowable tuition calculation, then the district shall be reimbursed, credited, or refunded pursuant to section 836, Title 16.

To avoid significant transfers in the form of credits, refunds etc. following the calculation of allowable tuition, it is important for schools to do their best to accurately project upcoming costs of operation as well as the number of student FTEs. In order to help school business managers make these projections, as part of the announced tuition collection, AOE provides a number of tuition worksheets.

For more information regarding Vermont law as it pertains to the calculation of net cost per pupil and tuition over or undercharge, please visit the Vermont legislature's website in regards to <u>Title 16, Chapter 21</u>. If you have any additional questions about the allowable tuition calculation, or how certain types of expenses or revenues are regarded, please do not hesitate to email <u>Sean Cousino</u> or call (802) 479-1026.

#### This Year's Collection

This year's Announced Tuition is captured using an excel template. Excel worksheets for computing and reporting announced tuition are available in the template.

All Special Education Computation Worksheets, Program Descriptions, and Forms must be completed, signed and a hard copy sent to Emily Byrne at the AOE and all sending districts on or before January 15<sup>th</sup>. A signed copy of the general announced tuition signature page must be provided to all sending districts and Sean Cousino at the AOE on or before January 15<sup>th</sup> as well.

PLEASE BE AWARE that the application will not be available for data entry after the statutory due date of January 15<sup>th</sup>. Per 16 V.S.A. 826(a); failure to provide updated data to the Agency of Education AND tuition paying districts on or before the statutory due date will limit the receiving districts announced tuition charge to no more than the prior year's amount and sending districts are under no legal obligation to pay any amount in excess of this statutory maximum until tuition reconciliation once allowable tuition is calculated.

## **Minimum System Requirements**

You will need Microsoft Excel 2007 or later.



### **Technical Support**

Call the help desk at (802) 479-1044 for assistance with the data entry application. Call Sean Cousino at (802) 479-1026 for assistance with data issues.

#### **Due Date**

The FY2019 Announced Tuition is due January 15, 2018.

### **Starting the Application**

- 1. Make a folder on your LOCAL DISK (C): drive called "ANNOUNCEDTUITION19".
- 2. Open the Announced Tuition Data Entry Template.
- 3. Make sure that macros are enabled.

  If the following image appears in the Message Bar upon opening the Template simply click the "Enable Content" tab.



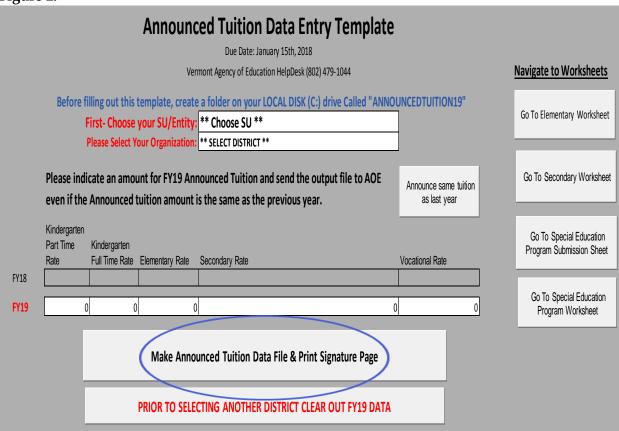
- 4. Select your SU by clicking in the \*\*Choose SU\*\* cell then click on the drop down tab and select your SU code. Next click in the \*\*Choose District\*\* cell then click on the drop down tab and select the district that you are announcing tuition for.
- 5. Enter the amount that you would like to Announce for FY19 in the appropriate cells. The Template will display the amount recorded for FY18.
  - o New entities must announce a tuition.
  - You must enter an amount for FY19 even if that amount is unchanged from the prior year.
  - o If you would like to announce the same tuition as last year hit the "Announce Same tuition as last year" button. (Figure 1) **Figure 1:**



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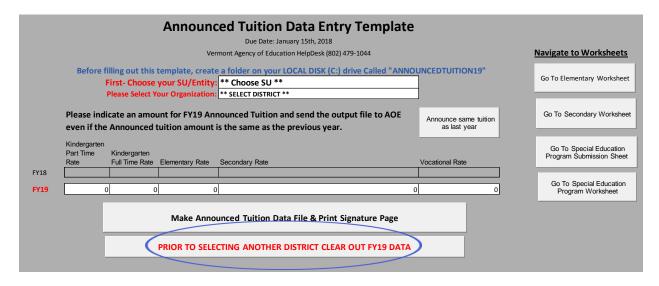
- 6. When you have completed the data entry press the button "Make Announced Tuition Data File & Print Signature Page", (figure 2). This button prints a report of all data entered for a district and generates the data file named T002FY19ANTTUIT.CSV (screen shot below). Once you have finalized your announced tuition, retrieve this file at
  - C:\ANNOUNCEDTUITION19\T002FY19ANTTUIT.CSV and send to the AOE as an email attachment. These are the data AOE will use to publish announced tuition.
  - You may print the report at any stage of data entry. Should you generate and save a preliminary version, be sure to save and replace the file (T002FY19ANTTUIT.CSV) with your final announced tuition data
  - Hard copies of the final report must be signed by the Superintendent and sent, with a postmark on or before January 15th, to the AOE and all sending districts for the announced tuition to be legally binding.

Figure 2:



7. If you have more than one district for which you report Announced Tuition, clear out the prior district's data before selecting the next district. This can be done by clicking on the button "PRIOR TO SELECTING ANOTHER DISTRICT CLEAR OUT FY19 DATA", (figure 3).

Figure 3:



If the district you would like to enter data for does not appear on the list or the prior year data is incorrect, please call the Help Desk at (802) 479-1044.



There are 2 additional worksheets labeled Elementary and Secondary Worksheet. These sheets **do not** need to be returned to the AOE, they are simply tools to help you calculate the announced tuition for your district.

## **Reports**

Please note: if using Excel 2007 the buttons on the application may not work and you will need to click on the tabs in the bottom of the worksheets to go to the needed worksheet.



If you get an error message when pressing the "Print Signature Page" click the End button, then check to make sure your data file was created and signature page was printed.



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#### **Submit Data to AOE**

Data can be emailed to <u>Nicole Gray</u>. Be sure to only announce tuitions for the grades that your district serves, Elementary (grades 1 through 6), Secondary (7 through 12). Also please do not announce a vocational tuition unless you are one of the 15 CTE centers and be sure to enter kindergarten tuition rates in the appropriate, part-time or full-time, cells.

## **Submit Special Education Submission Form**

The tab labeled "Special Education Submission" must be returned to Emily Byrne for information on the cost of Special Education programs.

SPECIAL EDUCATION A				)19	
	Due by Law	January 15, 2018	*		
* This means postmarked or s		or before January 1	5, 2018, or any i	ncreases in the announced	tuition rate will not become
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16 V.S.A. 826(b) will be as fo	llows:	-		•	-
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