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ORS 3% Refund Update

Now that school districts from across the state have received the 3% refund and interest payment, I wanted to give you a brief status update on the same. The state workgroup has been working for several weeks on gathering information on the best way for districts to handle this transaction and I have been deliberate in sharing as much information as possible with everyone from CPS impacted by this payment. The workgroup has a meeting scheduled for January 30th to finalize their discussions and will hopefully be in a better position at that time to offer some general guidance to school districts.

The goal of the workgroup has been, and continues to be, to attempt to gain general consensus on the method of reporting, proper processing of taxes, and specifics on how this will impact district expenditures, significantly in some cases. They are anticipating that they will be able to provide guidance that each district can apply to their specific circumstances so there is some level of consistency across the state. I do know that we have several complicated cases here that will result in greater research and consultation. We are already working on them now.

All refund recipients should be receiving a letter at the address that ORS had on file. The letter was mailed from CPS on Monday morning so if you have not received it by the middle of next week, please send an email to CPSHR@charlottenet.org letting us know you have not yet received it. The letter contains several pieces of important information. A general letter can be found at: http://www.charlottenet.org/human_resources.html

We continue to ask for your patience as we wait for guidance (hopefully next week) and then we can start the very long process of manually entering 500+ payroll entries into our system. You can rest assured that we will have your refund to you within the 90 day window (mid-April) suggested by ORS. ORS has updated their FAQ's on their website. You can find the link on our HR webpage (above).

Respectfully,

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