PA Student Teacher Support Program FAQ–Update

1. How many fall semester student teachers will receive a stipend?

All fall semester student teachers who applied by the date of selection will receive a stipend. If more funding becomes available, additional students will be selected.

2. As an LEA, we were notified by our student teacher that they have been provisionally approved to participate in the program. What must we do?

If an eligible student teacher has been placed at your location, a program Participation Agreement and ACH form must be completed and returned. If you have questions about the participation agreement please contact PHEAA at **StudentTeacherSupport@pheaa.org**.

3. Will the Student Teacher and Cooperating Teacher stipend come from PHEAA?

PHEAA will not pay the Cooperating Teacher or Student Teacher directly.

- Student teachers will be paid through the LEA. In order to receive funds, LEA's must submit a complete Participation Agreement. Failure to complete the participation agreement will lead to a delay in payment to the student teacher or if never completed, the student teacher will not be eligible to participate and will not receive a stipend.
- Cooperating Teachers will be paid through IHE. LEAs have no responsibility when it comes to paying cooperating teachers. The Cooperating Teacher payment will not be counted towards retirement and LEAs will not have to make additional contributions related to PSERS.

4. As an LEA, how can we help prepare the student teacher to receive their stipend?

After submitting the Participation Agreement and the ACH form, LEAs should work with the Student Teachers to complete any additional financial paperwork necessary for the LEA to issue the stipend before funds are received from PHEAA.

5. What are the expectations on when and how to pay the student teachers?

Students should be paid 100% of the stipend when the LEA receives the disbursement from PHEAA.

FAQ: pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/pa-student-teacher-support-program/faq.shtml