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ACADEMIC FEES FOR PRICE LAB SCHOOL

Action Requested: Receive an update on the Price Lab School (PLS) tuition rate for the 2011-2012 academic year, which will remain equivalent to the Iowa Department of Education per pupil rate of \$5,883.

Executive Summary: Board approval is required prior to implementation of all fees.

Per Iowa Code §282.24(1), the maximum amount a receiving school district can assess a “tuition-in” student is the current year’s district cost per pupil. Because PLS does not have a district cost per pupil, the state cost per pupil amount is used to determine the tuition-in rate.

The Board approved Academic and Administrative Fees for 2011-2012 at its March 23, 2011, meeting. This approval included UNI’s request for PLS tuition to be equivalent to the per-pupil funding rate for Iowa school districts. Since the March 23rd Board meeting, the legislature approved a zero percent increase for allowable growth per-pupil funding, resulting in the rate for 2011-2012 remaining the same as it was for the 2010-2011 academic year - \$5,883.

The University reports that PLS had used the 2009-2010 rate of \$5,768 for the 2010-2011 academic year and wishes to clarify plans to use the \$5,883 rate for the 2011-2012 academic year as established. http://educateiowa.gov/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=1438&Itemid=2434

Price Lab School tuition provides for instructional costs for non-district students who open enroll.

Background:

Regent Policy Manual §8.04:

- ◆ Requires that the Board review and approve all new institutional or college-wide fees over \$1 per semester and all departmental fees over \$10 per semester; and
- ◆ Explains that fees are categorized as either academic or administrative and students pay only those fees that apply to their programs, interests, or needs.