

Financial Affairs  
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**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR USE OF DISTRICT DISCRETIONARY LOTTERY FUNDS**

The 2000 Legislature has appropriated lottery funds to school districts and requires each school board to adopt policies and procedures for the use of these funds to enhance education.

It is recommended that 2000-01 District Discretionary Lottery Funds be used to maintain as much program continuity as possible by continuing funding several programs no longer funded by the state and by maintaining other programs previously funded by lottery funds included in the FEFP by the Legislature.

**Definition of Educational Enhancement**

Because state and local revenues, exclusive of District Discretionary Lottery Funds, were inadequate to maintain all 1999-2000 programs and to provide for student growth, the base against which enhancements must be measured is the level of educational programs which could be financed in 2000-2001 without lottery funds.

The term "educational enhancement" is defined, for the purpose of appropriating District Discretionary Lottery Funds allocated by the Legislature, to include the implementation of new programs not previously funded and/or the full or partial continuation of existing programs, to the extent that state and local revenues, excluding lottery funds, are inadequate to continue all existing programs.

**Policies and Procedures - Use of District Discretionary Lottery Funds**

Each year as part of the budget process, the Superintendent shall recommend projects/programs to be funded partially or totally from District Discretionary Lottery Funds appropriated by the Legislature in order to best serve the educational needs of the students of Miami-Dade County.

Such funds may be used to pilot or implement new programs or to continue existing, proven programs which could not otherwise be funded from other state or local revenues.

The 2000-01 lottery revenue to M-DCPS is approximately \$6.76 million lower than the prior year. The 2000 Legislature appropriated lottery funds to provide for cash and debt service requirements of the Classroom First and Effort Index capital outlay programs.

Any changes to the list to the list of projects/programs funded from District Discretionary Lottery Funds will be submitted to the Board for approval.

**Projects/programs recommended for funding from 2000-01 District Discretionary Lottery Funds are as follows:**

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Previously Funded Through State Categoricals:	
Elementary Counselors	\$ 15,186,848
Secondary Counselors (partial)	11,920,929
Educational Excellence Council (\$10/FTE)	<u>3,605,000</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 30,712,777</b>

**RECOMMENDED:** That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the above policies and procedures and approve the use of District Discretionary Lottery Funds appropriated by the Legislature to fund projects and programs enumerated above.