

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

The 2003 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 2003-04 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 Education Enhancement

Because state and local revenues, exclusive of District Discretionary Lottery Funds, were inadequate to maintain all 2002-03 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 2003-04 without lottery funds.

The term "educational enhancement" is defined, for the purpose of appropriating District Discretionary Lottery Funds allocated by the Legislature, as programs/activities that contribute to student learning and achievement that exceed the required basic instructional 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.

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The 2003-04 lottery revenue to M-DCPS is approximately \$9.86 million lower than the prior year. The 2003 Legislature appropriated lottery funds to provide for cash and debt service requirements of the Classroom First and 1997 School Capital Outlay Bond Programs. In addition, partially funds the Class Size Reduction, Summer Remedial Reading, and School Recognition programs.

Any changes 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 2003-04 District Discretionary Lottery Funds are as follows:

	AMOUNT
Previously Funded Through State Categoricals:	
Elementary Counselors (partial)	\$15,623,213
Educational Excellence Council (\$10/FTE)	<u>3,463,620</u>
Grand Total	<u>\$19,086,833</u>

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.