

Financial Affairs
Edward Marquez, Chief Financial Officer

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION FOR 2003-2004 DISTRICT EFFORT RECOGNITION PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT ALLOCATION LIST

COMMITTEE: BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Miami-Dade was recently allocated \$4,767,022 of the \$30 million statewide 2003-2004 District Effort Recognition Program appropriation, pursuant to Section 1013.736, and as funded through the General Appropriations Act, Chapter 2003-397, Laws of Florida. These funds are provided by the state through the issuance of lottery revenue bonds and are allocated to eligible school districts based on whether district voters, through referendum, have approved supplemental local revenue for public school capital outlay.

This 2003 appropriation supplements the Classrooms for Kids Program, created in response to Florida voters' passing a constitutional amendment (Amendment 9) requiring school class size maximums by 2010 as follows:

<u>Instructional Grade</u>	<u>Class Size</u>
K-3	18
4-8	22
9-12	25

School districts which do not meet the constitutional class size maximums must use the funds for capital outlay purposes to reduce class size.

The Office of Budget Management, in collaboration with Facilities Operations, Maintenance and Planning has completed the attached required FDOE certification and project allocation list for participation in the program.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the submission of the required certification for the Effort Recognition Program and the project allocation list detailing the capital projects to be funded from this program.

Board Certification for 2003-2004 District Effort Recognition Program

The District Effort Recognition Program, as established by the 2003 Legislature, requires certain representations to enable each district school board to participate in the program. The following acknowledgment and certification statement is provided to enable participation.

The Miami-Dade District School Board

represents and certifies
 does not represent

that sufficient student capacity exists within the district's current facilities plus the additional facilities the district will acquire from its five-year work program to meet the 2010-2011 maximum constitutional class size requirements. If these class size requirements are met, the district may use the District Effort Recognition Program funds for any lawful capital outlay purpose which is further permitted as an eligible expenditure from the proceeds of bonds supported by lottery funds.

Attachments: District Effort Recognition Program Project Allocation List
Estimated Cash Draw Schedule

The above certification document was approved by the Board on March 17, 2004
(Date)

Signed _____
(Superintendent)

Signed _____
(Chairman)

