

Business, Operations, Finance and Construction
 Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION FOR 2006-2007 CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS PROGRAM
 AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT ALLOCATION LIST**

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

In November 2002, Florida voters passed a constitutional amendment (Amendment 9) requiring school class sizes to be capped by the 2010 school year as follows:

Instructional Grade	Class Size
K-3	18
4-8	22
9-12	25

In response, the legislature created the Classrooms for Kids program to fund the construction of student stations for this purpose. Please note the District's allocations from this program as compared to the funds appropriated statewide.

Fiscal Year	M-DCPS Allocation	Total State Appropriation	M-DCPS Share %
2003-04	\$45,557,948	\$570,000,000	7.99%
2004-05	4,984,664	100,000,000	4.98%
2005-06	4,116,344	83,400,000	4.94%
2006-07	53,499,162	1,100,000,000	4.86%
	\$108,158,118	\$1,853,400,000	5.84%

The current funding formula for capital Class Size Reduction funds is largely based on growth and as such several district received a higher allocation than Miami-Dade County, \$66 million (6%) through \$139 million (12.7%). A top priority in the District's legislative program is to revise the funding formula for capital Class Size Reduction funds to be based more on need rather than growth. To meet the State's class size mandate, the District needs more than \$600 million in capital outlay funding.

The Office of Budget Management, in collaboration with Facilities, 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 2006-2007 appropriation for Classrooms for Kids Program and the project allocation list detailing the capital project to be funded from this program.

Board Certification for 2006-2007 Classrooms for Kids Program

The Classrooms for Kids 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 statements are provided to enable participation.

1. The Miami-Dade District School Board hereby acknowledges that participation shall not be provided unless the interlocal agreement required by Section 1013.33, Florida Statutes, has been entered into.
2. The Miami-Dade District School Board certifies that the district facilities records within the Florida Inventory of School Houses are accurate and up-to-date pursuant to Section 1013.31, Florida Statutes.
3. The Miami-Dade District School Board, if selecting a specific project for funding from the Classrooms for Kids Program which appeared with the Board's five-year work program, commits to funding another project or projects with equivalent student capacity from fund sources listed in the five-year work program adopted prior to March 15, 2003. The attached project list is hereby approved by the Board as the Board's spending plan for funds made available pursuant to the Classrooms for Kids Program.

4. 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 Classrooms for Kids funds for any lawful capital outlay purpose which is further permitted as an eligible expenditure of Lottery bond proceeds and Public Education and Capital Outlay funds.

Attachments: Classrooms for Kids Project Allocation List
Estimated Cash Draw Schedule

The above certification document was approved by the Board on October 11, 2006
(Date)

Signed _____
(Superintendent)

Signed _____
(Chairman)

