

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

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

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

**LINK TO DISTRICT
STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES**

The 2007 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 2007-08 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 or by maintaining other programs previously funded by the FEFP.

Definition of Educational Enhancement

Because state and local revenues, exclusive of District Discretionary Lottery Funds, were inadequate to maintain all 2006-07 programs, the base against which enhancements must be measured is the level of educational programs which could be financed in 2007-08 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 2007-08 Discretionary Lottery allocation to M-DCPS is \$3,442,880 lower than the prior year. The 2007 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, lottery proceeds partially fund the Class Size Reduction (partial funding) 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 2007-08 District Discretionary Lottery Funds are as follows:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Elementary Counselors (partial)*	\$ 10,064,206
Educational Excellence Council (\$10/FTE)**	<u>3,656,476</u>
Grand Total	\$ 13,720,682

* Previously funded through State Categorical programs.

**Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC)

NOTE: This item is one of three items which are part of the 6:00 p.m. public hearing, which should be discussed only at that time and should be approved following budget adoption.

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.