

Business Operations
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION FOR 2007-2008 CLASSROOMS FOR KIDS PROGRAM AND APPROVAL OF PROJECT ALLOCATION LIST

COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY & GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

LINK TO DISTRICT STRATEGIC PLAN: IMPROVE FINANCIAL SERVICES

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 and Effort Recognition programs 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	\$ 50,324,970	\$ 600,000,000	8.38%
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%
2007-08	30,616,996	650,000,000	4.71%
	\$ 143,542,136	\$2,533,400,000	5.67%

The current funding formula for capital Class Size Reduction funds is largely based on growth. Given that the District has recently been experiencing a decline in enrollment, MDCPS has received a disproportionate share (less than 5%) of the total statewide allocation for the past few years. 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. Less than a quarter of the estimate has been funded by the state. As a result, the District has leveraged the Local Optional Millage Levy through the issuance of Certificates of Participation to meet the Class Size Reduction mandate.

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 2007-2008 appropriation for Classrooms for Kids Program and the project allocation list detailing the capital projects to be funded from this program.

Board Certification for 2007-2008 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.

Attachments: Classrooms for Kids Project Allocation List

The above certification document was approved by the Board on October 17, 2007
(Date)

Signed _____
(Superintendent)

Signed _____
(Chairman)

