

Business Operations  
Ofelia San Pedro, Deputy Superintendent

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

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

The 2008 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 2008-09 District Discretionary Lottery Funds be used to maintain as much program continuity as possible by continuing the funding of several programs no longer funded by the state or by maintaining 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 2007-08 programs, the base against which enhancements must be measured is the level of educational programs which could be financed in 2008-09 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.

**SP-3**

The 2008-09 Discretionary Lottery allocation to Miami-Dade is \$13,915,011 which is \$2,957,566 lower than the prior year. This appropriation will be amended based on statewide appropriations for the Florida School Recognition program when they have been determined. From Discretionary Lottery funds, at least \$5 per unweighted FTE (down from \$10 per unweighted FTE in 2007-08) are to be used at the discretion of the school advisory council pursuant to sections 24.121(5) and 1001.452, Florida Statutes.

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 2008-09 District Discretionary Lottery Funds are as follows:**

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Elementary Counselors (partial)*	\$ 12,366,244
Educational Excellence Council (\$5/FTE)**	<u>1,548,767</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 13,915,011</b>

\* Previously funded through State Categorical programs.

\*\*Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC)

**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.