

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

**COMMITTEE: INNOVATION, EFFICIENCY AND GOVERNMENTAL
RELATIONS**

**LINK TO STRATEGIC
FRAMEWORK: FINANCIAL EFFICIENCY/STABILITY**

During the 2009 Legislature, lottery funds were not appropriated to school districts as they had been in prior years and as a result, the Board was not required to approved a policy relating to the use of those funds at that time. Senate Bill 2600, Appropriation 7 provided funding for the Florida School Recognition Program and Discretionary Lottery Funds. This appropriation was funded in the 2009-10 FEFP third calculation and is based on funds remaining after payment of the Florida School Recognition program to qualified schools. Each school board is required to adopt policies and procedures for the use of these funds to enhance education.

It is recommended that 2009-10 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 2008-09 programs, the base against which enhancements must be measured is the level of educational programs which could be financed in 2009-10 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.

The 2009-10 Discretionary Lottery allocation to Miami-Dade is \$982,286 which is \$7,607,287 lower than the prior year. From Discretionary Lottery funds, up to \$5 per unweighted FTE are to be used at the discretion of the school advisory council pursuant to sections 24.121(5) and 1001.452, Florida Statutes. Although lottery funds were not appropriated, the District maintained the allocation to schools. This revenue was utilized to offset the existing appropriation and is not new money for distribution to schools.

The program recommended for funding from 2009-10 District Discretionary Lottery Funds is as follows:

The revenue was used to rebalance the budget shortfall due to the mid year pro-ration explained in Resolution No. 1 FY2009-10 General Fund Budget Review.

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Educational Excellence Council (\$5/FTE)*	\$ <u>982,286</u>
Grand Total	\$ 982,286

*Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC). Only a portion of the cost is funded through Lottery funds.

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 a portion of the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council (EESAC) pursuant to law.