

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

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

The 2014 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 FY 2014-15 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 FY 2014-15 programs, the base against which enhancements must be measured is the level of educational programs which could be financed in FY 2014-15 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 FY 2014-15 Discretionary Lottery allocation to M-DCPS is \$3,544,230. The 2014 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.

The program recommended for funding from FY 2014-15 District Discretionary Lottery Funds is as follows:

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Educational Excellence Council (\$5/FTE)*	\$1,454,221
Elementary Counselors	<u>2,090,009</u>
Grant Total	<u>\$3,544,230</u>

*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 the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council and Elementary Counselors.