

Financial Services  
Mrs. Judith M. Marte, Chief Financial Officer

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

**COMMITTEE: FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY**

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

As of the fourth calculation, discretionary lottery funds have been appropriated to school districts as required by law due to the statewide decrease of the School Recognition allocation. The allocation of discretionary lottery funds requires each school board to adopt policies and procedures for the use of these funds to enhance education. As such, this is a pro forma item that meets the required criteria to receive the funds. These funds are not in addition to those identified in the FEFP Fourth Calculation but a part of the formula and recognized in Board Item E-14. Since the inception of the Discretionary Lottery Funds, M-DCPS has used these funds to cover the statutorily required Educational Excellence Council (EESAC) allocation, and if any funds are remaining a small portion of the ongoing expense of Elementary Counselors; this item identifies the same for FY 2016-17. In years Discretionary Lottery Funds are not received, the full expense of Elementary Counselors is paid for by other portions of the General Fund. As identified in Board Item E-14, the money freed up through the receipt of Discretionary Lottery funds has been directed towards the Assigned Fund Balance to properly prepare the District for an exceptionally large tax collection shortfall expected as a result of the Value Adjustment Board completing two years of appeals in this Fiscal Year.

**Definition of Educational Enhancement**

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 FY 2016-17 Discretionary Lottery allocation to M-DCPS is \$6,124,206. The 2016 Legislature appropriated lottery funds to provide Bright Futures Scholarships as well as cash and debt service requirements of the Classroom First and 1997 School Capital Outlay Bond Programs. In addition, lottery proceeds partially fund the Florida Educational Finance Program, Class Size Reduction 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.

**We are recommending that the funding from FY 2016-17 District Discretionary Lottery Funds be allocated as follows:**

	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Educational Excellence Council (\$5/unweighted FTE)*	\$1,765,121
Elementary Counselors	4,359,085
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<b>TOTAL DISCRETIONARY LOTTERY FUND ALLOCATION</b>	<b><u>\$6,124,206</u></b>

\*Educational Excellence School Advisory Councils (EESAC) will receive \$5/unweighted FTE. Based on an estimated 353,024.11 unweighted FTE, charters schools/traditional schools will receive approximately \$1.77 million. The above District Discretionary Lottery Funds program will cover this cost. The balance of the amount allocated will be used to cover a portion of the cost of elementary counselors.

**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 designated portion of the Educational Excellence School Advisory Council and the balance of the allocation be used to fund elementary counselors.