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**MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** February 11, 2014

**TO:** District School Superintendents  
Charter School Directors

**FROM:** Pam Stewart 

**SUBJECT:** 2013-14 Calculations of Reductions to Class Size Operating Funds (Prior to Appeals)

Attached are the calculations of reductions to class size operating funds based on the compliance summaries that were provided to you on December 4, 2013. Section 1003.03(4)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires a reduction in class size categorical funding for districts and charter schools that are not in compliance with the class size requirements established by the Florida Constitution. Attachment 1 is the reduction calculation, prior to appeals, for traditional public schools; Attachment 2 is the reduction calculation, prior to appeals, for charter schools; and Attachment 3 is the reduction calculation, prior to appeals, for district-operated schools of choice.

Section 1003.03(4)(c), F.S., authorizes the commissioner to recommend to the Legislative Budget Commission by February 15, 2014, an alternate reduction amount if there is evidence that class size requirements were not met despite appropriate efforts to do so or because of an extreme emergency. Appeals have been received, and documentation of each school's extenuating circumstances will be reviewed.

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After completion of the appeals process, up to 25 percent of the reductions will be reallocated to traditional public schools, charter schools and district-operated schools of choice that are in compliance with class size requirements. A school district's traditional public schools and district-operated schools of choice must be in compliance to be eligible for a reallocation in either category. The remaining balance will be restored to traditional public schools, charter schools and district-operated schools of choice that are not in compliance with class size requirements, but have submitted a certified plan by February 1, 2014, explaining the actions the school will take to ensure compliance by October 2014. Please note that the reduction amount for each category of schools (i.e., traditional public schools, charter schools, district-operated schools of choice) is independent of the reduction amounts for the other categories of schools and will be reallocated and restored only to that category of schools. No school shall have an amount restored that is greater than the amount reduced.

If you have questions regarding the implementation of class size requirements, please call Linda Champion at 850-245-0406.

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Attachment 1 – Preliminary Reduction Calculation for Traditional Public Schools  
Attachment 2 – Preliminary Reduction Calculation for Charter Schools  
Attachment 3 – Preliminary Reduction Calculation for District-Operated Schools of Choice

cc: District Finance Officers