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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2007

TO: Select District School Superintendents

FROM: Linda Champion

SUBJECT: Class Size Reduction Transfer

Pursuant to Section 1003.03(4)(a), Florida Statutes, the Department of Education has calculated an amount from the class size reduction operating categorical that is proportionate to the amount of class size reduction that has not been accomplished. This section of statute also allows the Commissioner of Education to recommend an alternate transfer amount based on evidence indicating that a district or charter school has been unable to meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate effort to do so. Following the appeals process, the initial transfer of \$14,668,338 affecting 265 schools was reduced to a recommended transfer of \$5,318,921 affecting 135 schools.

The recommended transfer of \$5,318,921 from the operating Class Size Reduction Allocation to the fixed capital outlay account for class size reduction was submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission (LBC) for approval at its February 22, 2007, meeting. The \$5,318,921 transfer was approved by the LBC and the transfer has been made. Tables showing the total transfer amounts by district for all schools, traditional schools, and charter schools are attached. Also attached is the school-by-school data for your district.

Please note that amounts transferred to fixed capital outlay for charter schools are not subject to the five percent administrative fee authorized by Section 1002.33(20)(a), Florida Statutes. Additional information related to timelines and procedures for accessing these funds will be forthcoming.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions regarding this communication.

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