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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 25, 2005

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Jeanine Blomberg

SUBJECT: 2005 District Class Size Averages and Transfer Calculations, and Process and Timelines for District Appeals

Attached is a statewide summary of district-level class size averages based upon class size information updated through November 19, 2004 (see Attachment I). Also attached is the proposed transfer calculation for districts that did not meet the class size reduction requirements (see Attachment II).

Transfer Calculation

Section 1003.03(4)(a), F.S., requires a budget modification for any district that did not reduce district-level class size averages as required by law. The law directs the Department to calculate, for each district that is not in compliance, an amount which is proportionate to the amount of class size reduction not accomplished. The calculation is the amount that will be transferred from a district's class size reduction operating categorical to a fixed capital outlay account for class size reduction in the affected district.

Last year's transfer calculation totaled \$1,479,948 and affected eight districts; this year's proposed transfer calculation is \$9,202,396 and affects 16 districts. Two districts were removed from noncompliance by an adjustment for unexpected student growth. An adjustment for unexpected student growth is applied to all districts in the proposed transfer calculation.

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Because 2005-06 is the final year for determining class size compliance using district-level class size averages, Attachment III is provided for districts' planning purposes. Attachment III reflects a transfer calculation based on the 2005 school-level class size averages. This attachment is intended to emphasize the impact on the transfer calculation of moving from a district-level class size average in determining compliance to a school-level class size average. If the 2006-07 school-level requirement had been applied in the current year calculation, the transfer amount would be \$156,869,797 and would affect 64 districts. This pro forma calculation is provided to assist districts as they address class size reduction requirements beyond 2005-06.

Appeal Process for an Alternative Penalty Assessment

Section 1003.03(4)(a), F.S., allows for a district to submit evidence documenting why the district did not meet the class size reduction requirements. The appeal should be based on extenuating circumstances that prevented the district from complying despite appropriate efforts to do so. As previously stated, unexpected student growth has already been factored into the transfer calculation and, therefore, an appeal for unexpected growth is not required. Documentation of each district's extenuating circumstances will be reviewed by the State Board of Education. Based upon these reviews, alternative transfer assessments may be recommended to the Legislative Budget Commission.

Process and Timelines for Appeals

January 25 - Districts provided process and timelines for appeals.

February 2 - Deadline for district submission of appeal and supporting documentation.

February 3 through February 8 – Review of districts' appeals.

February 15 - State Board of Education meeting for final determination of transfer calculations.

February 17 - Legislative Budget Commission meeting for final approval of transfer calculations.

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Format for Appeals

All appeals with supporting documentation should be submitted by the superintendent and addressed as follows:

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Appeals may be emailed to sonya.morris@fldoe.org, or faxed to (850) 245-9966.

If you have additional questions regarding the implementation of class size reduction requirements, please contact Linda Champion, Director of School Business Services, at (850) 245-0406, or linda.champion@fldoe.org.

JB:lcj

Attachments

DISTRICT CLASS SIZE AVERAGES
2005 COMPLIANCE CALCULATION

District	Grades Prek-3					Grades 4-8					Grades 9-12					Complied in All 3 Grade Groups
	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Change from Base	Complied?	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Change from Base	Complied?	2002-03	2003-04	2004-05	Change from Base	Complied?	
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-	-9-	-10-	-11-	-12-	-13-	-14-	-15-	
1 Alachua	20.57	18.07	17.59	(2.98)	YES	21.52	20.40	18.80	(2.72)	YES	22.91	22.92	21.90	(1.01)	YES	YES
2 Baker	19.68	15.32	13.69	(5.99)	YES	23.00	21.77	20.20	(2.80)	YES	20.37	21.16	20.89	0.52	YES	YES
3 Bay	18.56	17.78	17.60	(0.96)	YES	20.17	21.06	19.40	(0.77)	YES	22.59	23.59	22.39	(0.20)	YES	YES
4 Bradford	22.24	17.18	17.08	(5.16)	YES	22.06	19.80	19.46	(2.60)	YES	20.81	20.39	20.50	(0.31)	YES	YES
5 Brevard	20.54	18.50	17.67	(2.87)	YES	22.93	20.89	20.23	(2.70)	YES	24.58	24.05	23.67	(0.91)	YES	YES
6 Broward	24.87	20.80	18.98	(5.89)	YES	27.16	23.68	21.77	(5.39)	YES	28.23	25.96	24.82	(3.41)	YES	YES
7 Calhoun	16.73	15.80	15.52	(1.21)	YES	19.29	18.15	17.91	(1.38)	YES	15.54	17.85	17.04	1.50	YES	YES
8 Charlotte	19.31	16.82	18.40	(0.91)	NO	22.60	21.78	21.06	(1.54)	YES	22.70	24.18	22.48	(0.22)	YES	NO
9 Citrus	20.76	13.36	13.09	(7.67)	YES	22.38	19.55	18.83	(3.55)	YES	19.93	20.10	20.52	0.59	YES	YES
10 Clay	20.18	18.94	17.15	(3.03)	YES	26.70	20.34	19.78	(6.92)	YES	21.76	22.58	21.54	(0.22)	YES	YES
11 Collier	20.20	18.11	18.07	(2.13)	NO	23.80	22.10	20.92	(2.88)	YES	23.72	24.49	24.26	0.54	YES	NO
12 Columbia	19.08	17.36	16.15	(2.93)	YES	23.71	20.05	18.96	(4.75)	YES	21.96	22.29	22.02	0.06	YES	YES
13 Miami-Dade	30.21	27.26	24.03	(6.18)	YES	29.42	27.25	24.96	(4.46)	YES	26.04	25.88	24.96	(1.08)	YES	YES
14 DeSoto	20.89	18.28	17.91	(2.98)	YES	20.16	21.94	21.35	1.19	YES	23.94	22.55	23.75	(0.19)	YES	YES
15 Dixie	20.01	16.60	17.67	(2.34)	YES	18.78	16.55	16.92	(1.86)	YES	20.28	20.56	19.61	(0.67)	YES	YES
16 Duval	21.72	19.69	17.94	(3.78)	YES	22.35	21.40	19.43	(2.92)	YES	23.62	22.46	21.81	(1.81)	YES	YES
17 Escambia	21.27	19.82	17.21	(4.06)	YES	22.63	22.33	20.70	(1.93)	YES	24.06	24.45	23.58	(0.48)	YES	YES
18 Flagler	17.94	21.14	20.19	2.25	NO	21.47	24.10	21.82	0.35	YES	22.50	23.06	25.46	2.96	NO	NO
19 Franklin	16.31	17.84	16.22	(0.09)	YES	18.60	21.50	21.97	3.37	YES	17.62	20.18	17.56	(0.06)	YES	YES
20 Gadsden	20.62	20.04	19.23	(1.39)	NO	23.45	19.62	18.46	(4.99)	YES	20.46	19.04	19.51	(0.95)	YES	NO
21 Gilchrist	20.82	17.79	18.59	(2.23)	NO	21.27	19.74	20.04	(1.23)	YES	17.00	17.89	15.21	(1.79)	YES	NO
22 Glades	18.86	19.49	17.54	(1.32)	YES	30.57	24.64	20.19	(10.38)	YES	15.84	17.71	17.93	2.09	YES	YES
23 Gulf	19.70	17.77	16.97	(2.73)	YES	20.81	21.15	19.19	(1.62)	YES	19.29	19.17	20.21	0.92	YES	YES
24 Hamilton	15.02	17.53	16.57	1.55	YES	18.24	20.86	20.80	2.56	YES	20.18	21.25	23.58	3.40	YES	YES
25 Hardee	19.18	20.50	17.44	(1.74)	YES	21.23	20.67	19.85	(1.38)	YES	25.17	22.79	22.09	(3.08)	YES	YES
26 Hendry	21.38	18.98	17.30	(4.08)	YES	22.55	21.17	21.12	(1.43)	YES	23.05	22.11	22.42	(0.63)	YES	YES
27 Hernando	23.19	20.66	19.81	(3.38)	NO	25.96	23.80	21.83	(4.13)	YES	22.63	23.47	22.54	(0.09)	YES	NO
28 Highlands	21.02	18.30	17.29	(3.73)	YES	22.50	19.52	19.56	(2.94)	YES	23.74	22.30	22.51	(1.23)	YES	YES
29 Hillsborough	21.00	17.77	16.25	(4.75)	YES	21.68	20.64	19.91	(1.77)	YES	23.77	22.92	23.19	(0.58)	YES	YES
30 Holmes	19.00	17.31	16.75	(2.25)	YES	20.59	21.21	19.99	(0.60)	YES	18.05	17.50	17.81	(0.24)	YES	YES
31 Indian River	22.19	19.68	18.40	(3.79)	NO	25.18	23.03	21.22	(3.96)	YES	22.29	22.08	22.33	0.04	YES	NO
32 Jackson	19.55	17.86	17.42	(2.13)	YES	20.64	20.01	20.77	0.13	YES	16.74	18.42	18.96	2.22	YES	YES
33 Jefferson	16.89	18.00	16.40	(0.49)	YES	21.75	19.43	18.79	(2.96)	YES	16.00	17.06	22.57	6.57	YES	YES
34 Lafayette	16.57	15.78	17.28	0.71	YES	22.93	19.04	19.73	(3.20)	YES	17.69	17.45	19.66	1.97	YES	YES
35 Lake	21.84	20.12	16.97	(4.87)	YES	22.96	22.00	19.85	(3.11)	YES	24.70	25.35	23.31	(1.39)	YES	YES
36 Lee	22.95	20.15	18.75	(4.20)	YES	23.97	21.91	21.97	(2.00)	YES	24.74	24.63	24.69	(0.05)	YES	YES
37 Leon	20.52	18.18	17.77	(2.75)	YES	22.05	20.84	20.70	(1.35)	YES	22.84	22.80	21.97	(0.87)	YES	YES
38 Levy	18.96	17.91	17.35	(1.61)	YES	20.59	19.51	19.23	(1.36)	YES	19.37	20.38	20.72	1.35	YES	YES
39 Liberty	22.73	16.23	15.61	(7.12)	YES	19.94	21.31	20.75	0.81	YES	19.64	24.29	21.32	1.68	YES	YES
40 Madison	18.84	17.35	18.00	(0.84)	YES	21.65	20.73	19.63	(2.02)	YES	22.02	20.46	22.66	0.64	YES	YES
41 Manatee	22.34	20.05	19.14	(3.20)	NO	24.06	21.96	21.98	(2.08)	YES	25.60	25.29	24.27	(1.33)	YES	NO
42 Marion	18.11	17.69	18.80	0.69	NO	20.15	19.00	19.37	(0.78)	YES	18.88	19.48	19.52	0.64	YES	NO
43 Martin	21.55	19.25	18.00	(3.55)	YES	22.34	21.26	20.05	(2.29)	YES	24.78	24.89	23.67	(1.11)	YES	YES
44 Monroe	23.79	20.67	17.54	(6.25)	YES	20.60	20.76	20.28	(0.32)	YES	21.92	24.66	21.69	(0.23)	YES	YES
45 Nassau	22.29	19.78	17.93	(4.36)	YES	23.47	21.89	21.36	(2.11)	YES	23.23	22.39	23.58	0.35	YES	YES
46 Okaloosa	20.53	17.97	17.11	(3.42)	YES	22.70	22.22	20.80	(1.90)	YES	23.63	24.84	24.05	0.42	YES	YES
47 Okeechobee	19.39	17.82	17.20	(2.19)	YES	24.74	22.09	20.53	(4.21)	YES	19.99	21.10	21.72	1.73	YES	YES
48 Orange	19.60	18.57	17.99	(1.61)	YES	21.59	21.25	20.97	(0.62)	YES	22.98	24.79	25.13	2.15	NO	NO
49 Osceola	24.45	20.04	19.04	(5.41)	YES	25.56	21.68	21.18	(4.38)	YES	24.31	23.78	24.03	(0.28)	YES	YES
50 Palm Beach	25.60	22.23	20.36	(5.24)	YES	25.25	23.44	21.92	(3.33)	YES	24.51	25.08	24.36	(0.15)	YES	YES
51 Pasco	21.28	19.01	16.95	(4.33)	YES	24.74	22.15	19.62	(5.12)	YES	22.05	21.95	21.60	(0.45)	YES	YES
52 Pinellas	20.02	17.41	17.48	(2.54)	YES	22.90	21.70	21.82	(1.08)	YES	24.72	24.75	24.55	(0.17)	YES	YES
53 Polk	20.75	19.06	17.64	(3.11)	YES	21.50	20.62	19.77	(1.73)	YES	22.92	23.08	23.55	0.63	YES	YES
54 Putnam	18.96	18.48	18.48	(0.48)	NO	19.32	18.81	19.60	0.28	YES	19.64	19.63	20.46	0.82	YES	NO
55 St. Johns	22.89	19.68	21.10	(1.79)	NO	23.96	20.76	24.55	0.59	NO	22.04	23.06	36.03	13.99	NO	NO
56 St. Lucie	23.38	21.25	17.19	(6.19)	YES	26.79	24.78	22.15	(4.64)	YES	23.36	23.68	24.04	0.68	YES	YES
57 Santa Rosa	22.03	20.34	18.55	(3.48)	NO	24.89	22.78	21.82	(3.07)	YES	26.49	24.92	24.93	(1.56)	YES	NO
58 Sarasota	21.24	18.93	17.06	(4.18)	YES	23.10	21.73	20.47	(2.63)	YES	21.93	22.45	21.28	(0.65)	YES	YES
59 Seminole	20.56	18.43	17.17	(3.39)	YES	22.53	20.37	20.29	(2.24)	YES	23.71	23.72	24.03	0.32	YES	YES
60 Sumter	19.72	17.97	17.43	(2.29)	YES	21.86	21.01	19.89	(1.97)	YES	18.74	20.44	19.13	0.39	YES	YES
61 Suwannee	15.68	17.95	17.95	2.27	YES	25.28	21.87	23.11	(2.17)	NO	24.61	21.70	22.40	(2.21)	YES	NO
62 Taylor	17.36	17.68	17.40	0.04	YES	20.20	20.47	20.56	0.36	YES	25.18	22.41	22.10	(3.08)	YES	YES
63 Union	21.72	15.18	18.02	(3.70)	NO	21.88	20.96	21.41	(0.47)	YES	20.72	20.22	17.80	(2.92)	YES	NO
64 Volusia	21.49	20.61	17.51	(3.98)	YES	21.06	20.95	20.83	(0.23)	YES	24.11	23.07	22.79	(1.32)	YES	YES
65 Wakulla	21.48	19.03	18.31	(3.17)	NO	23.13	20.83	20.22	(2.91)	YES	21.55	21.68	20.69	(0.86)	YES	NO
66 Walton	19.41	17.91	18.35	(1.06)	NO	20.62	21.82	23.87	3.25	NO	18.26	20.46	23.19	4.93	YES	NO
67 Washington	20.55	17.03	18.15	(2.40)	NO	24.92	21.19	21.57	(3.35)	YES	18.88	21.42	23.35	4.47	YES	NO
State	23.07	20.54	18.98	(4.09)	51	24.16	22.43	21.32	(2.84)	64	24.10	24.06	23.73	(0.37)	64	49

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2004-05 PRELIMINARY CLASS SIZE REDUCTION TRANSFER

ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE FOR UNEXPECTED STUDENT GROWTH

GRADES PK-3		
District	% Transfer	Transfer Calculation After Adjustments
	-2-	-3-
8 Charlotte	10.00%	161,379
11 Collier	1.75%	94,509
18 Flagler	24.50%	236,303
20 Gadsden	30.25%	239,147
21 Gilchrist	14.75%	51,439
27 Hernando	15.50%	333,473
31 Indian River	5.25%	93,138
41 Manatee	20.00%	1,011,853
42 Marion	12.50%	535,086
54 Putnam	12.00%	167,620
55 St. Johns	36.25%	924,082
57 Santa Rosa	10.25%	254,752
63 Union	0.50%	1,203
66 Walton	7.75%	51,830
67 Washington	3.75%	14,117
TOTAL GRADES PK-3		4,169,931

GRADES 4-8		
District	% Transfer	Transfer Calculation After Adjustments
	-2-	-3-
55 St. Johns	59.75%	1,871,572
61 Suwannee	3.00%	21,100
66 Walton	46.75%	358,361
TOTAL GRADES 4-8		2,251,033

GRADES 9-12		
District	% Transfer	Transfer Calculation After Adjustments
	-2-	-3-
18 Flagler	11.50%	120,954
55 St. Johns	100.00%	2,660,478
TOTAL GRADES 9-12		2,781,432

TOTAL GRADES PK-12		9,202,396
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2004-05 ESTIMATED CLASS SIZE REDUCTION TRANSFER
IF DONE ON A BY SCHOOL BASIS

	G PK-3	G 4-8	G 9-12	TOTAL
	TRANSFER AMOUNT	TRANSFER AMOUNT	TRANSFER AMOUNT	TRANSFER AMOUNT
	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-
1 Alachua	711,162	153,317	545,802	1,410,281
2 Baker	0	0	0	0
3 Bay	789,801	173,007	48,748	1,011,556
4 Bradford	76,695	70,172	0	146,867
5 Brevard	931,504	921,792	90,891	1,944,187
6 Broward	2,798,452	1,459,729	2,335,977	6,594,158
7 Calhoun	59,232	58,534	0	117,766
8 Charlotte	903,692	157,756	0	1,061,448
9 Citrus	0	51,592	11,844	63,436
10 Clay	378,373	309,406	0	687,779
11 Collier	1,104,138	847,797	962,354	2,914,289
12 Columbia	117,926	39,613	0	157,539
13 Miami-Dade	9,758,312	9,122,453	11,349,180	30,229,945
14 DeSoto	100,391	56,852	5,078	162,321
15 Dixie	0	0	0	0
16 Duval	1,255,221	1,113,368	2,596,287	4,964,876
17 Escambia	82,436	384,637	672,433	1,139,506
18 Flagler	142,270	248,092	344,751	735,113
19 Franklin	27,623	70,719	0	98,342
20 Gadsden	312,267	76,204	0	388,471
21 Gilchrist	125,840	53,407	0	179,247
22 Glades	28,170	0	0	28,170
23 Gulf	57,019	0	0	57,019
24 Hamilton	0	59,712	0	59,712
25 Hardee	50,176	0	0	50,176
26 Hendry	186,273	446,267	196,481	829,021
27 Hernando	771,231	300,352	0	1,071,583
28 Highlands	171,774	29,304	0	201,078
29 Hillsborough	1,738,584	4,823,778	2,595,364	9,157,726
30 Holmes	2,837	59,289	6,590	68,716
31 Indian River	194,176	284,760	0	478,936
32 Jackson	265,379	283,349	0	548,728
33 Jefferson	0	0	0	0
34 Lafayette	0	21,586	0	21,586
35 Lake	200,095	221,853	840,327	1,262,275
36 Lee	1,924,536	3,504,478	3,127,144	8,556,158
37 Leon	892,219	880,713	0	1,772,932
38 Levy	2,657	67,852	0	70,509
39 Liberty	0	25,182	29,219	54,401
40 Madison	35,288	11,287	0	46,575
41 Manatee	1,991,091	2,163,740	664,174	4,819,005
42 Marion	2,069,702	500,577	0	2,570,279
43 Martin	358,717	32,812	0	391,529
44 Monroe	175,770	157,969	0	333,739
45 Nassau	106,293	178,350	150,967	435,610
46 Okaloosa	0	8,257	0	8,257
47 Okeechobee	86,712	0	0	86,712
48 Orange	4,536,237	4,973,799	7,361,066	16,871,102
49 Osceola	1,867,761	699,248	393,119	2,960,128
50 Palm Beach	4,186,517	3,846,208	2,826,532	10,859,257
51 Pasco	473,307	10,135	0	483,442
52 Pinellas	1,873,118	4,421,527	7,579,469	13,874,114
53 Polk	1,952,839	782,339	3,492,998	6,228,176
54 Putnam	421,897	26,942	0	448,839
55 St. Johns	665,659	1,656,113	2,584,552	4,906,324
56 St. Lucie	472,694	1,514,558	0	1,987,252
57 Santa Rosa	582,842	673,799	1,015,186	2,271,827
58 Sarasota	1,265,243	647,753	0	1,912,996
59 Seminole	463,819	863,481	2,156,065	3,483,365
60 Sumter	2,105	0	2,179	4,284
61 Suwannee	392,912	437,187	0	830,099
62 Taylor	52,367	12,368	0	64,735
63 Union	2,406	25,442	0	27,848
64 Volusia	321,267	1,175,589	0	1,496,856
65 Wakulla	162,283	12,363	0	174,646
66 Walton	248,426	520,153	0	768,579
67 Washington	140,569	87,800	0	228,369
State	51,068,302	51,816,718	53,984,777	156,869,797
	59	59	28	64