

Board Certification for 2006-2007 Classrooms for Kids Program

The Classrooms for Kids Program, as established by the 2003 Legislature, requires certain representations to enable each district school board to participate in the program. The following acknowledgment and certification statements are provided to enable participation.

1. The Sarasota District School Board hereby acknowledges that participation shall not be provided unless the interlocal agreement required by Section 1013.33, Florida Statutes, has been entered into.
2. The Sarasota District School Board certifies that the district facilities records within the Florida Inventory of School Houses are accurate and up-to-date pursuant to Section 1013.31, Florida Statutes.
3. The Sarasota District School Board, if selecting a specific project for funding from the Classrooms for Kids Program which appeared with the Board's five-year work program, commits to funding another project or projects with equivalent student capacity from fund sources listed in the five-year work program adopted prior to March 15, 2003. The attached project list is hereby approved by the Board as the Board's spending plan for funds made available pursuant to the Classrooms for Kids Program.
4. The Sarasota District School Board;

represents and certifies
 does not represent

that sufficient student capacity exists within the district's current facilities plus the additional facilities the district will acquire from its five-year work program to meet the 2010-2011 maximum constitutional class size requirements. If these class size requirements are met, the district may use the Classrooms for Kids funds for any lawful capital outlay purpose which is further permitted as an eligible expenditure of Lottery bond proceeds and Public Education and Capital Outlay funds.

Attachments: Classrooms for Kids Project Allocation List

The above certification document was approved by the Board on April 17, 2007 .
(Date)

Signed _____
(Superintendent)

Signed _____
(Chairman)

Dear Superintendent Norris:

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.

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.

Linda Champion
Deputy Commissioner for Finance and Operations

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