

# STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 17, 2004

**SUBJECT:** Class Size Amendment

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## **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Review appeals and supporting evidence submitted by eighteen school districts explaining why the class size reduction requirements could not be met in the 2003-2004 fiscal year. Approve Commissioner's recommendation to the Legislative Budget Commission for adjusted amounts to be transferred from a school district's class size reduction operating categorical to a fixed capital outlay account.

## **AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1003.03(4), F.S.

## **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Beginning in the 2003-2004 fiscal year, if the Department of Education determines for any year that a school district has not reduced average class size as required by law, the department will calculate an amount from the class size reduction operating categorical which is proportionate to the amount of class size reduction not accomplished. The calculated amount is subject to transfer from the school district's class size reduction operating categorical to a fixed capital outlay account.

However, based upon a recommendation by the Commissioner of Education that the State Board of Education has reviewed evidence indicating that a school district has been unable to meet class size reduction requirements despite appropriate effort to do so, the Legislative Budget Commission may approve an alternative amount of funds to be transferred.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

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