

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Action Items
September 19, 2006

SUBJECT: Broward County School Board's Appeal of Department of Education's Decision on Reallocation of Title I Funds based on Supplementary Education Services Participation

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.331(4), Florida Statutes and 20 U.S.C. § 1231b-2, provide that districts may receive a hearing on the record by the State Board to review final agency action not to approve the reallocation of the twenty percent of Title I, Part A funds set aside for choice-related transportation and supplemental educational services. The State Board must issue a written ruling, including its reasons therefor, no later than 10 days after the hearing.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In accordance with its oversight responsibilities, the Department denied the Broward County Public Schools' (BCPS) April 2006, request to reallocate approximately \$10.97 million of its Title I, Part A funds set-aside and has directed it to carry over this balance for use for choice-related transportation and Supplemental Educational Services (SES) to the 2006-07 school year.

The Department, pursuant to its responsibility to ensure program and fiscal compliance by subgrantees and to pre-authorize district reallocation requests, concluded that the BCPS failed to adequately and appropriately notify parents as required under the program. The program allows districts to so reallocate Title I, Part A set-aside funds *only if* it (1) has adequately and appropriately publicized and notified all parents of eligible children about the availability and options of public school choice and SES in understandable formats and multiple forums, (2) offered parents a reasonable time to investigate options and submit requests for services, and (3) fully met parental demand for these services. BCPS objects to and appeals the Department's decision.

Supporting Documentation Included:

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