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January 12, 2007

The Honorable Cheri Pierson Yecke  
Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools  
Florida Department of Education  
325 West Gaines Street, Suite 514  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400

Dear Chancellor Yecke:

Based upon our recent conversations and the dialog that occurred during our NCLB monitoring visit this week, I would like to propose the following agreement with the Department of Education regarding the NCLB set aside funds for Broward County. Broward County acknowledges the requirements of Sections 1008.331 (3a) and (4), Florida Statutes, regarding access to our set-aside funds. Further, I think we both acknowledge the complexities of this issue and the need to move forward in order to best meet the needs of our students.

As part of this agreement, Broward County would concur with the following numbers cited in your draft memorandum of December 4, 2006:

- o **\$10,974,938** Amount of funds from carry forward for 2005-06
- o **\$ 9,494,727** Amount of SES set-aside from 2006-07
- o **\$20,469,665** Total amount of available set-aside funds for 2006-07
- o **31,548 students** Number of students eligible to participate in SES for 2006-07
- o **15,775 students** Number of the majority of students within eligible group
- o **16,285 students** Number of students the district could serve with available fund

After reviewing the materials compiled and collected by the NCLB monitoring team, I am sure you will find that considerable effort was expended in recruiting eligible students for SES during the current 2006-07 school year. As we move into our second semester of this school year, Broward County's comprehensive efforts have yielded almost 6,000 documented responses. The anticipated expenditures for this group will be approximately \$6.7 million. While these numbers fall below those anticipated in your draft memorandum of December 4, 2006, they represent a most significant increase of 5,256 students over last year's figures.

In addition to all actions taken thus far, Broward County has outlined additional steps to be taken this year in order to make every effort to comply with both Federal and State guidance. These actions are as follows:

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In addition to these tasks identified for 2006-07, Broward County will also implement the following promising practices that have been identified by the DOE:

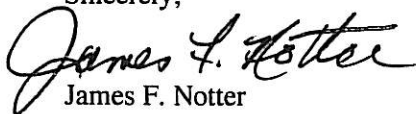
- **Adopt the sample SES parent correspondence provided by the DOE:** Spring, 2007  
Broward County will use the state-approved parent letters as a basis for all NCLB correspondence.
- **Schedule a separate Provider Fair for district employees:** August – September 2007  
Offer prospective tutors who are already certified staff in schools or Broward County offices the opportunity to meet the SES Providers. This fair can educate teachers about the SES process and provide some supplemental income for those interested in working beyond the school day.
- **Provide incentives for SES schools to actively recruit eligible students:** Fall, 2007  
Identify a portion of district Title I funds to provide supplemental educational materials (classroom libraries, software, etc.) for those schools and/or teachers that assist in successful SES outreach and marketing.

As a result, Broward County requests the revocation of the sanctions previously imposed in your letter of August 4, 2006; the approval for Broward County to expend its 2006-07 set-aside funds on the costs incurred in delivering SES services this year; and approval of the reallocation of the balance of the 2005-06 set-aside funds to Broward County's Title I Schools.

Upon receipt of your acceptance of the aforementioned terms, The School Board of Broward County, Florida will withdraw its request to appeal the previously invoked sanctions. Further, once this occurs the DOE will issue an amended award notification within 30 days releasing set-aside funds so Broward County may comply with each of the proposed items.

Your thoughtful consideration of our efforts and subsequent requests are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Interim Superintendent of Schools

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