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SUBJECT: Excellent Teaching Program Funds

Pursuant to Section 236.08106, Florida Statutes, creating the Excellent Teaching Program, please be advised that funds for payment of **annual salary bonuses** to eligible teacher(s) in your district who are certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) will be forthcoming via electronic funds transfer. The teacher **salary bonus** for this year, based on a calculation of ten percent (10%) of the 1999-2000 statewide average teacher's salary, is **\$3,603.60**. When 7.65 percent for district FICA is added, this amount increases to **\$3,879.30**. **The district shall determine the appropriate individual withholding for the teacher, make the deductions, and pay the remaining bonus to the teacher.**

If further clarification is needed regarding the transfer of funds, please do not hesitate to contact the Department of Education Comptroller's Office at 850-487-2460. If you have questions relating to the Excellent Teaching Program, please call Beatrice H. Monroe at one of the numbers indicated above.

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