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## MEMORANDUM

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**TO:** District Superintendents  
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**SUBJECT:** **Excellent Teaching Program Funds (Mentoring Bonus)**

Pursuant to Section 236.08106, Florida Statutes, which created the Excellent Teaching Program (ETP), please be advised that funds for payment of **annual mentoring bonuses** for National Board Certified Teachers will be forthcoming via electronic funds transfer. The teachers have been certified by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and have completed mentoring services to other teachers, pursuant to the Excellent Teaching Program statute above. The teacher **mentoring 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, which is **\$275.70**, 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 related to the Excellent Teaching Program, please call Beatrice H. Monroe at the telephone number above.

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