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SUBJECT: Excellent Teaching Program Funds (Mentoring Bonus)

Pursuant to Section 236.08106, Florida Statutes, which created the Florida 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 **mentoring bonus** for this year, based on a calculation of ten percent (10%) of the **2000-2001** statewide average teacher's salary, is **\$3,823**. For the **2001-2002** fiscal year, there is an additional **\$500** bonus for each of these teachers, totaling **\$4,323**. When 7.65 percent for district FICA, which is **\$330.71**, is added, this amount increases to **\$4,653.71**. **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. This memorandum will be available at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00061/home0061.htm>. If you have questions related to the Excellent Teaching Program, please call Beatrice H. Monroe at the telephone number above.

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