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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2012

TO: District School Superintendents
Charter School Directors

FROM: Gerard Robinson

SUBJECT: 2011-12 Class Size Operating Categorical Reallocation and Restoration Calculations

The Commissioner's alternate compliance calculation was adopted by the 2012 Legislature with the enactment of Chapter 2012-133, Laws of Florida (refer to Section 23 of the law). The law also revises the Base Student Allocation (BSA) reduction, from 100 percent to 50 percent of the allocation, for non-compliant districts and charter schools (refer to Section 22 of the law). Attached is a summary of the final adjustments to class size operating categorical allocations required by Section 1003.03(4), Florida Statutes (as amended by Chapter 2012-133, Laws of Florida), which will be reflected in the May 25, 2012, electronic funds transfers to school districts.

The adjustments include the revised BSA reduction amount, the reallocation, and the restoration of funds. Pursuant to Section 1003.03(4)(d), Florida Statutes, the reallocation to districts and charter schools that were in compliance with class size requirements was derived by multiplying up to five percent of the BSA by the total district full-time equivalent FTE students, not to exceed 25 percent of the reduction. The remaining balance of the reduction funds was restored to districts and charter schools that were not in compliance with class size requirements, and that submitted a certified plan by February 15, 2012, explaining the actions the district or charter school will take to ensure compliance by October 2013, pursuant to Section 1003.03(4)(e), Florida Statutes.

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There are five attachments to this memorandum:

- Attachment 1 - District-level summary of the class size operating categorical adjustments for traditional public schools, including the reallocation and restoration of funds.
- Attachment 2 - Reduction summary by grade group for traditional public schools.
- Attachment 3 - Summary of the class size operating categorical adjustments for charter schools, including the reallocation and restoration of funds.
- Attachment 4 - Reduction summary by grade group for charter schools.
- Attachment 5 - Funding summary that incorporates the traditional public school and charter school final adjustments into the class size operating categorical allocations that serve as the basis for electronic funds transfers to school districts.

If you have questions regarding this communication, please call Linda Champion at (850) 245-0406.

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Attachments

cc: District Finance Officers
School District Charter School Liaisons