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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 26, 2009

**TO:** Selected District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Linda Champion

**SUBJECT:** 2008-09 Class Size Reduction Transfers

Attached please find Commissioner Smith's recommendations regarding Class Size Reduction transfers from district Class Size Reduction operating categorical funds to a fixed capital outlay account for Class Size Reduction. These recommendations were approved by the State Board of Education at the January 21, 2009, meeting. In accordance with Section 1003.03(4)(a)2., Florida Statutes, these recommendations will be submitted to the Legislative Budget Commission for its approval by February 15, 2009.

Section 1003.03(4)(a), F.S., requires a budget modification for any district school that did not reduce school-level class size averages as required by law. The law directs the Department to calculate, for each school that is not in compliance, an amount that is proportionate to the amount of class size reduction not accomplished. When applicable, the transfer amounts were reduced by a percentage equal to unexpected growth in the district. Districts with schools that were out of compliance were also given an opportunity to submit appeals. These were reviewed and appropriate reductions to the transfer amount were applied. Finally, an adjustment was applied to the transfer amount to account for the impact of budget reductions. This adjustment was calculated by subtracting the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) Total State Funds in

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the 2008-09 FEFP Third Calculation from the Total State Funds in the 2008-09 FEFP Revised Third Calculation.

LRC: mh

Attachment