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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 26, 2010

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Linda Champion

SUBJECT: 2010-11 Class Size Reduction Simulation Calculation

Section 1003.03(4)(e), F.S., requires the Florida Department of Education to prepare a simulated calculation to determine the amount of the Class Size Reduction operating categorical funds that would revert to the state's General Revenue Fund using the results of the 2009-10 October full-time-equivalent student survey and the requirements of Section 1003.03(4)(b), F.S., that the number of students assigned to any individual class shall not exceed the class size maximums of 18 in grades prekindergarten through 3, 22 in grades 4 through 8, and 25 in grades 9 through 12. The methodology outlined in statute requires the department to:

- 1. Identify, for each grade group, the number of classes in which the enrollment exceeds the maximum, the number of students that exceeds the maximum for each class, and the total number of students that exceeds the maximum for all classes.
- 2. Determine the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) students that exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group.
- 3. Multiply the total number of FTE students that exceeds the maximum class size for each grade group by the district's FTE dollar amount of the class size reduction allocation for that year and calculate the total for all three grade groups.

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Based on the results of the simulated calculation, using the class size reduction allocation from the 2009-10 Third Calculation of the Florida Education Finance Program, \$131,451,874 would revert to the state's General Revenue Fund. The attachment lists individual district results from the simulated calculation.

If you have questions regarding the class size reduction requirements, please call Linda Champion at (850) 245-0406.

cc: District Finance Officers