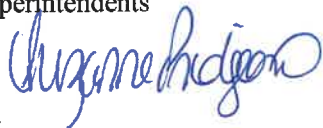


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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
FROM: Suzanne Pridgeon 
DATE: November 5, 2025
SUBJECT: Florida School Recognition Program Awards for 2025-26

Pursuant to section [1008.36, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#), attached are the 2025-26 Florida School Recognition Program award distributions by district and by school. Program award amounts will be calculated based on each school's full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment in comparison to other eligible schools. The distribution includes awards for all schools currently eligible. The distribution of lottery funds appropriated for the Florida School Recognition Program in specific appropriation 91 of [Chapter 2025-198, Laws of Florida \(L.O.F.\)](#), is based on the school grades earned in 2024-25 and the number of FTE students in the final calculation of the 2024-25 Florida Education Finance Program. Funds will be distributed to districts on or before November 14, 2025.

Please note that, if the school's staff and school advisory council do not reach agreement on the use of the award by February 1, 2026, the award must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school, pursuant to s. 1008.36(4), F.S.

To meet the requirement in specific appropriation 91, chapter 2025-198, L.O.F., for a report to the governor and legislature about how schools used their program funds, a survey will be sent to school districts later this year. Please retain records on the use of these funds in advance of this survey. Should you have questions regarding a school's eligibility, please call Justin Tarin at 850-245-0081. If you have questions regarding the distribution or use of funds, please call Josh Bemis at 850-245-0405.

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Attachment 1 – 2025-26 Florida School Recognition Awards Summary
Attachment 2 – 2025-26 Florida School Recognition Program Awards by School

cc: School District Finance Officers
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