

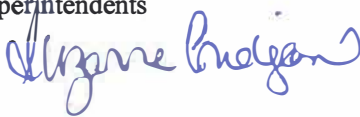


Tom Grady, *Chair*
Ben Gibson, *Vice Chair*
Members
Monesia Brown
Esther Byrd
Grazie Pozo Christie
Ryan Petty
Joe York

CONTACT PERSONS:

NAME: Josh Bemis
Jason Gaitanis
PHONE: 850-245-0405
850-245-0011

MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
FROM: Suzanne Pridgeon 
DATE: October 18, 2022
SUBJECT: Florida School Recognition Program Awards for 2022-23

Pursuant to [section \(s.\) 1008.36, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#), attached are the 2022-23 Florida School Recognition Program award distributions by district and by school. This year's program award amount is based on each school's per full-time equivalent (FTE) students in comparison to every eligible school. The distribution includes awards for all schools currently eligible. The department will withhold funds for schools that have incomplete grades, but would be eligible based on their expected grade. When those funds are released, the department will notify the affected school districts. The distribution of funds appropriated for the Florida School Recognition Program in specific appropriation 88A ([Chapter 2022-156, Laws of Florida](#)) is based on the school grades or school improvement ratings earned in 2021-22 and the number of FTE students in the fourth calculation of the 2021-22 Florida Education Finance Program. Funds will be distributed to districts on October 18, 2022 (revenue code 3361).

Please note that, if a school's staff and school advisory council cannot reach an agreement on the use of the award by February 1, 2023, the award must be equally distributed to all classroom teachers currently teaching in the school, pursuant to s. 1008.36(4), F.S.

A survey on how each school utilized its Florida School Recognition Program funds will be sent to school districts later this year to meet the program requirements. Please ensure that any appropriate records on the use of these funds are kept in advance of this survey to ensure that this information can be easily provided. Should you have any questions regarding a school's eligibility, please call Tracy Halley at 850-245-0011. If you have questions regarding the distribution or use of funds, please call Josh Bemis at 850-245-0405.

SP/ja

Attachment 1 – 2022-23 Florida School Recognition Awards Summary
Attachment 2 – 2022-23 Florida School Recognition Program Awards by School

cc: District Finance Officers
Juan Copa, Deputy Commissioner, Division of Accountability, Research and Measurement
Mark Eggers, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Division of Finance and Operations
Li Liu, Bureau Chief, School Business Services
Josh Bemis, Educational Policy Director, School Business Services
Jason Gaitanis, Executive Staff Director, Accountability Reporting

Suzanne Pridgeon
Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations