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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
FROM: Suzanne Pridgeon 
DATE: October 11, 2024
SUBJECT: Florida School Recognition Program Awards for 2024-25

Pursuant to section [1008.36, Florida Statutes \(F.S.\)](#), attached are the 2024-25 Florida School Recognition Program award distributions by district and by school. Program award amounts are calculated based on each school's full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment in comparison to other eligible schools. The distribution of funds appropriated for the Florida School Recognition Program in specific appropriation 87 of [chapter 2024-231, Laws of Florida \(L.O.F.\)](#), is based on the school grades earned in 2023-24 and the number of FTE students in the fourth calculation of the 2023-24 Florida Education Finance Program. Funds will be distributed to districts on October 18, 2024 (revenue code 3361).

Please note that, if a school's staff and school advisory council is not able to reach agreement on the use of the award by February 1, 2025, 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 87, [chapter 2024-231, 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 – 2024-25 Florida School Recognition Awards Summary
Attachment 2 – 2024-25 Florida School Recognition Program Awards by School

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