

## **Spending School Improvement Funds**

### **Guidelines for School Advisory Councils (SAC)**

According to Florida Statutes §§ 1001.42(18)(c) and 24.121(5)(c), a portion of funds for public education, as determined annually by the Legislature, will be distributed to each school district and will be made available to each public school in the district for enhancing school performance through development and implementation of a school improvement plan. Further, a portion of these moneys, as determined annually in the General Appropriations Act, must be allocated to each school in an equal amount for each student enrolled. In accordance, School Board Policy 2.09(7)(f) states that the Board will provide school improvement funds to schools for developing and implementing school improvement plans pursuant to Fla. Stat. §1001.42(18)(c).

Before spending school improvement funds, SAC members should always ask the question: “Does this expenditure enhance school performance through development and implementation of the School Improvement Plan (SIP)?”

The following list was created to guide SAC members as they prepare to allocate school improvement funding:

- Must be tied to programs or activities in the SIP.
- Must be used to enhance school performance.
- Principals or school district staff may NOT override the recommendations of the SAC.
- May NOT be used for capital improvements.
- May NOT be used for any project(s) or program(s) with more than a one-year period. However, a SAC may independently determine that a program or project formerly funded be reviewed to receive funds in a subsequent year.
- May NOT be used to pay a bonus to an individual for performing the duties of chairperson of SAC.
- May be expended only on programs or projects selected by the SAC.