

# Public Schools PK-12 Estimating Conference Executive Summary

February 6, 2008

*Note: 'PK' figures include only pre-school age children with disabilities (ESE) and pre-school age children whose parents are in the Teenage Parent Program. It does not include children participating exclusively in the Voluntary Prekindergarten Program who receive those services through the public school system.*

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The Public Schools PK-12 Education Estimating Conference met to review the school districts' forecasts of Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) full-time equivalent (FTE) student enrollment and to adopt a new FEFP FTE forecast for the 2008-09 school year and three-year trends.

The Conference approved the district requests finalized on February 5 and the revisions made by St. Lucie District, FAU Lab School in St. Lucie, and Palm Beach District received after the February 5 deadline.

The new 2008-09 FEFP FTE forecast is 2,632,686.16 FTE students which is 3,028 FTE students higher than the forecast adopted on December 14, 2007. The FTE enrollment is expected to increase only 2,047 students (.1%) over the 2007-08 year. Enrollment for the 67 regular school districts is expected to decrease 1,851, while the FTE for the special districts is expected to increase 3,899 (the Florida Virtual School for 2,195 increase; the university laboratory schools for 1,704 increase). The lab school growth is driven by the addition of a new special charter school, FAU Lab in St. Lucie, anticipating an opening enrollment of 1,574 FTE students.

The statewide FEFP FTE enrollment forecast for 2009-10 is 2,642,302.72 FTE, reflecting expected growth of 9,616.56; the forecast for 2010-11 is 2,669,877.02 FTE.

Larger 2008-09 forecasts were adopted for all program categories except for 102 Grades 4-8 Basic (4,627 lower), 112 Grades 4-8 ESE Basic (822 lower), 130 ESOL (2,787 lower), and 300 Career Education (1,020 lower).

The CO FTE forecasts for 2008-09 through 2010-11 will be developed reflecting trends similar to the FEFP FTE forecasts.