

Public Schools Education Estimating Conference
September 29, 2006
2:00 pm
Executive Summary

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Results

The Conference approved the Lee School District request, denied the Brevard School District request and approved one part of the Hendry School District Request. The approved part of the Hendry appeal was the adjustment of the forecast due to the one-time removal of students from the Hendry School District to the Glades School District. The state level results are displayed in the table below.

Capital Outlay (CO) and Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)					
FTE Student Enrollment Forecasts					
	2006-2007	2007-2008	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011
July 31, 2006					
PreK-12 Total	2,536,009	2,559,078	2,579,109	2,608,536	2,647,938
Annual Growth	31,030	23,069	20,031	29,427	39,402
Sept. 29, 2006					
PreK-12 Total	2,536,642	2,560,645	2,581,510	2,611,782	2,651,970
Annual Growth	31,663	24,003	20,865	30,272	40,188
Difference between Sept and July forecasts					
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Minutes

Attendees:

Office of Economic & Demographic Research (EDR)

Carolyn DuBard
Beth Lines

Executive Office of the Governor

Scott Kittel

House Appropriations

Kurt Hamon

Senate Appropriations

Mark Armstrong
John Newman

Department of Education (DOE)

Jeanine Blomberg
Linda Champion
Juan Copa
Norman Holley
Kirk Hudson
Bambi Lockman
Greg Martin
Jean Miller
Martha Miller
David Montford
Keith Neel
Jennifer Seifert
Charlene Waltz for Spessard
Boatwright

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School District Justifications

Kirk Hudson of the Department of Education provided the detailed school district justifications for the appeal of the forecast. The detailed information for each school district is provided below.

Brevard

Brevard District Schools believes that the Department of Education's list of schools indicated the schools eligible to be included in the CO FTE enrollment for 2005-06

was incomplete. Brevard District staff submitted a list of additional schools that they thought should be included in the CO FTE enrollment. The list matched the one used by the DOE except for four schools. These schools are Whispering Hills Off-Site, Horace Mann Academy, Fieldston Preparatory School, and the McKay Scholarship Program. The first three schools are non-conversion charter schools not eligible to be included in CO FTE enrollment. The McKay Scholarship Program students are not included in CO FTE. The remaining difference in the DOE and the school district CO FTE for the current year is due to the definition of CO FTE. The school district included all FTE enrollment reported by an eligible school rather than counting only FTE enrollment served in district owned classrooms.

<i>Brevard</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>
July Forecast	68,341	67,640	67,003	66,853	66,856
District Request	70,223	70,990	71,935	72,929	74,136
Difference	1,882	3,350	4,932	6,076	7,280

Hendry

The justification was based on two factors.

- 1) Prior to the 2004-05 school year, some students living in Glades County were enrolled in Hendry District Schools. In 2004-05 these students were transferred back to the Glades School District. Thus, the forecasting models had a lower rate of growth due to a nonrecurring decline included in the growth rate by grade.
- 2) The location of the county between Palm Beach and Lee counties provides opportunities for population growth. There is a significant increase in housing permitting already.

<i>Hendry</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>
July Forecast	7,457	7,324	7,205	7,157	7,161
District Request	7,572	7,586	7,641	7,763	7,945
Difference	115	262	436	606	784
Model Re-forecast for Justification 1)	7,476	7,505	7,425	7,437	7,483

Conference Principals and Participants agreed that Hendry County is likely to experience population growth in the future. However, there was insufficient data supplied by the school district to support the timing of this growth to occur within the next five years.

Lee

The school district is experiencing a new trend of significant FTE enrollment growth that is above and beyond that indicated by previous years' reported FTE enrollment. The school district staff contends that utilizing additional years in the cohort causes

their forecast to be artificially suppressed. Using only the growth between the 2005-06 and 2004-05 school years will provide for the change in the enrollment trend.

<i>Lee</i>	<i>2006-07</i>	<i>2007-08</i>	<i>2008-09</i>	<i>2009-10</i>	<i>2010-11</i>
July Forecast	71,872	74,628	77,290	79,966	83,171
District Request	72,486	76,014	79,471	82,932	86,881
Difference	614	1,386	2,181	2,966	3,710

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