

From: Lee, Laurie
Sent time: Wednesday, January 18, 2012 12:47:48 PM
To: Cari@excelined.org; Smith, Kevin
Subject: RE: Reading Allocation Funds

Cari,

I'm with Kevin on this one...not sure...

Thanks for all of your work and have a great afternoon!

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From: Smith, Kevin
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 11:23 PM
To: Cari@excelined.org
Cc: Lee, Laurie
Subject: Re: Reading Allocation Funds

Cari,

Thanks for your message. It's tough to speculate without seeing the exact message that was provided. As you mentioned, the governor requested for a substantial increase - I believe it would almost double the reading allocation.

I received an out of office notice from Andre Smith regarding the data requests, but I will let you know as soon as I have any update.

Have a great evening and thanks for all you do!

Sincerely,

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On Jan 17, 2012, at 9:52 AM, "Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)" <Cari@excelined.org> wrote:

FYI~

I believe Stu may be confused OR Kathy may have misinterpreted him. I've provided the details of all reading allocation budget requests from House, Senate, and Governor below.

Do you know what Stu meant by his comment below by chance?

From: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 9:49 AM
To: 'Kathleen Fontaine'
Subject: RE: Reading Allocation Funds

Hi Kathy,

So good to hear from you. I had a great holiday; Santa Claus actually brought us a new family member, Winston, our new puppy!!! Hope yours was fantastic too!

Regarding the reading allocation budget requests for this year, initial budget requests from the Senate and House are pretty much level funding, which means the same as last year (\$100 million statewide vs. \$101 received last year); HOWEVER, the Governor has requested a huge increase equaling a total of roughly \$195 million for the reading allocation, with a minimum district base of \$85,598. I've attached the budget for last year's reading allocation; you'll notice the base was roughly \$2,000 less than the proposed base for this upcoming year. With all of this said, all of this changes DAILY, and we just started session, but we are hoping for the best!

To be quite honest, I'm not sure what Stu is referring to, all I can guess is he is referencing the minimum base reading allocation for districts, but it is not AN addition to, it's simply a base that is \$2,000 more than last years, and again, this can all change. I'll try to do some digging to find out what Stu truly meant by this.

Hope you have a great year!!!

Sincerely,
Cari

From: Kathleen Fontaine [<mailto:fontakh@bay.k12.fl.us>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 6:32 AM
To: Cari Miller (Cari@excelined.org)
Subject: Reading Allocation Funds

Hi Cari,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and new years. I'm contacting you to see what you may have heard in Tallahassee--will there be additional funding for the reading initiative--Stu has presented what the Commissioner has requested--an additional \$86,000 per district in addition to what was awarded last year. I have heard speculation that the amount may be more than the additional \$86,000. I know this is early in the session--just curious of what the pulse is this year.

Hope that all is well,

Kathy

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