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**Sent time:** Tuesday, January 17, 2012 4:57:03 PM  
**To:** marylaura@excelined.org; Joanna@floridapromise.org  
**Cc:** Eggers, Mark; Kooi, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Florida school finance

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Hi, Mary Laura!

I am sure we can help in updating numbers for the study. I will need to involve our Finance and Operations folks with regard to changes in the public school funding. They are extremely busy with Legislative Session right now, but I have forwarded this message to them and will try to get an estimate of when they would be available.

Do you have a deadline?

Thanks.

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**From:** Luna, Lisa  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 10:38 AM  
**To:** Ammel, Jean  
**Cc:** Kooi, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Florida school finance

Hi Jean,

Mike received a voicemail from Ms. Bragg regarding the email below and she indicated that perhaps you may be the one to steer her in the right direction.

Thanks,

*Lisa Luna*

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**From:** Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@excelined.org) [mailto:MaryLaura@excelined.org]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 9:42 AM  
**To:** Kooi, Mike  
**Subject:** FW: Florida school finance

Hey Mike,

I left you a voicemail about this – please let me know the best way to get this researcher the info...

Thanks,

Mary Laura

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**From:** Joanna Hassell (Joanna@floridapromise.org)

**Sent:** Friday, January 13, 2012 9:03 AM  
**To:** Mary Laura Bragg (MaryLaura@Afloridapromise.org)  
**Subject:** FW: Florida school finance

See below. Thanks for your help!

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**From:** Chris D. Atkins [<mailto:chris@edchoice.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 12, 2012 10:50 AM  
**To:** Joanna Hassell ([Joanna@afloridapromise.org](mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org))  
**Subject:** RE: Florida school finance

I am updating the national school choice fiscal impact study we released in 2007:

<http://www.edchoice.org/Research/Reports/Education-by-the-Numbers--The-Fiscal-Effect-of-School-Choice-Programs--1990-2006.aspx>

including the analysis contained therein related to two programs in Florida: the McKay scholarships and the tax credit scholarship program.

What I would like to discuss on the call with you:

- Your evaluation of the Florida analysis in the 2007 study, including any suggestions for enhancement/improvement/helpfulness
- Any changes in the Florida school funding formula since 2007 that would impact my updated analysis of the two choice programs in FL (I have a rudimentary understanding of FL school funding)
- Anything else you would deem relevant or helpful

Many thanks in advance for your help. Like the 2007 study, we are positive that this study will show that school choice not only leads to better educational outcomes, but also can produce savings for taxpayers as well.

Just let me know when you would like to do a call.

Thanks,

Chris

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**From:** Joanna Hassell ([Joanna@afloridapromise.org](mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org)) [<mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 11, 2012 6:37 PM  
**To:** Chris D. Atkins  
**Subject:** RE: Florida school finance

Chris,

I won't be in Ft. Lauderdale next week – the Legislative Session began yesterday so I will be tied up for the next 9 weeks. That being said, we would be very interested in hearing about your research. Would you be willing to send us an email concerning it and maybe we can set up a call in the early Spring to discuss further. I can send along your email to other members of the team here at the Foundation who may be able to connect with you sooner.

I look forward to hearing from you,  
Joanna

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**To:** Joanna Hassell ([Joanna@afloridapromise.org](mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org)); Mandy Clark ([mandy@afloridapromise.org](mailto:mandy@afloridapromise.org))  
**Cc:** Dale Buwalda; Leslie Hiner  
**Subject:** RE: Florida school finance

Joanna:

Much thanks for sending me those contacts.

Any chance you will be at the research conference in Ft Lauderdale next week? If so I would like to meet you and talk a bit about my research projects.

Chris

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**From:** Joanna Hassell ([Joanna@afloridapromise.org](mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org)) [<mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 05, 2012 4:09 PM  
**To:** Chris D. Atkins; Mandy Clark ([mandy@afloridapromise.org](mailto:mandy@afloridapromise.org))  
**Cc:** Dale Buwalda; Leslie Hiner  
**Subject:** RE: Florida school finance

Chris,

Thank you for your email. I am not a funding expert, but I can certainly provide you names of experts in Florida in the school funding formula.

John Newman and Mark Eggers are experts in the FEFP and both work for the Department of Education. Kurt Hamon is the Senate Staff Director for PreK12 Education Appropriations and Allyce Heflin is the House Budget Chief for Prek-12 Appropriations – they are experts in the formula as well as the policy. I am not sure what your time frame is, but Florida's Legislative Session begins next week and both Kurt and Allyce will be busy for the next 60 days.

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I hope that these contacts are helpful in your research. Please feel free to contact me should you need more contacts.

Best,  
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**From:** Chris D. Atkins [<mailto:chris@edchoice.org>]  
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**To:** Joanna Hassell ([Joanna@afloridapromise.org](mailto:Joanna@afloridapromise.org)); Mandy Clark ([mandy@afloridapromise.org](mailto:mandy@afloridapromise.org))  
**Cc:** Dale Buwalda; Leslie Hiner  
**Subject:** Florida school finance

Dear Joanna and Mandy:

Dale Buwalda recommended that I contact you. As part of my research portfolio at Friedman I am studying school funding formulas and I would like to make some contacts in Florida to help me understand Florida's funding formula.

Are either of you experts on Florida's funding formula? If not, can you recommend a Florida-based expert on the school funding formula (preferably someone who is also a friend of school choice)?

Many thanks!

Sincerely,

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