IMPACT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON PRE-K – 12 EDUCATION/IMPACT OF THE GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT ON PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

SUMMARY
An educational funding summary reflecting the impact of the General Appropriations Act for 2008-09 on various components of Florida’s educational delivery system is available from the Senate Committees on Education Appropriations.

BACKGROUND
The General Appropriations Act provides funding for all major public educational delivery systems in the state: the Public School System, the Community College System and the University System. Because appropriations impact all portions of the delivery systems, this report is designed to reflect the various funding decisions for FY 2008-09 and the corresponding impact of appropriations on the areas responsible for service delivery.

For Public Schools, a 10 year history of enrollment and total funds is presented as well as average teacher salary information. A comparison of 2008-09 public school funding with 2007-08 funding is shown for each of the 67 school districts. Both state and local funds are reflected.

For Community Colleges, a 10 year history of enrollment is provided. An allocation of 2008-09 appropriations to each of the Community Colleges is shown. The amounts reflect the impact of major funding decisions, Challenge Grant, and Fixed Capital Outlay funding.

METHODODOLOGY
Allocation information is compiled by Senate Appropriations staff. In many cases the allocations were included in proviso language in the General Appropriations Act or are available through funding formulas such as the FEFP. Department of Education (DOE) fiscal staff also assisted in cases where allocations were to be made by the DOE. The final document is available from the Senate Committees on Education Appropriations in printed form, or from the Senate website under committee pages: Committee on Education Pre-K - 12 Appropriations and Committee on Higher Education Appropriations.