

## **DISCRETIONARY LOTTERY FUNDS**

The 1996 Florida Legislature adopted an amendment to Section 24.121, Florida Statutes, requiring school districts make available to the public, on a quarterly basis, a report displaying discretionary lottery revenue and expenditures.

### **Revenue**

For the 2003-2004 school year, Polk County School District originally budgeted \$3,732,164 in discretionary lottery funds. Funding has been increased to \$3,800,126 according to the latest estimates received from the State of Florida. This represents only 0.74% of the General Operating expenditures budgeted for the District.

As of March 31, 2004, the district had received \$848,357 of the 2003-2004 budgeted lottery revenue.

### **Expenditures**

Lottery funds are expended to (1) support the School Improvement and Accountability initiative, providing schools with an annual per student allocation to flexibly support local school improvement plans as directed by each school's SAC (School Advisory Committee), (2) continue support of programs previously funded by state categorical and other state revenue sources and (3) support general operating fund expenditures, including providing increases in salaries and benefits for instructional and other personnel of the district.

As of March 31, 2004, schools and their respective SACs had spent \$381,479 of the \$1,004,148 allocated on a per student basis to them. The remaining discretionary lottery dollars, allocated within the General Operating Fund, are being spent in accordance with the published final budget (a copy of which is available on this web site).