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MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members
District School Superintendents
District Finance Officers

FROM: Wayne Blanton, Executive Director
Ruth Melton, Director of Legislative Relations

SUBJECT: 2011-2012 Salaries of School Board Members

The requirements and methodology for the annual calculation of school board member salaries are set forth in sections 145.19 and 1001.395, F.S. Attached is a chart showing the school board member salary amounts calculated in accordance with the statutory formula.

Please note that the provision in s. 1001.395, F.S. that had previously limited the school board member salary to the lesser of the amount calculated pursuant to the statutory formula and the district's beginning salary for a teacher who holds a baccalaureate degree has ***expired***. As a result, the amount calculated pursuant to the statutory formula may provide a significant school board salary increase over the prior year in some districts.

FSBA urges school board members to exercise caution in determining whether or not to accept any salary increase this year. Please be reminded that s. 1001.395, F.S. authorizes school board members to reduce their statutorily calculated salary on a voluntary basis. This overrides Attorney General Opinion 2008-28 that, otherwise, would prohibit a voluntary reduction in the statutorily calculated salary. Also, please note that, in accordance with Attorney General Opinion 1979-87, the 2011-2012 salary amount is effective as of July 1, 2011.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call us. Thank you.

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Attachment