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TO: Recipients of the Florida Teacher Lead Program Stipend  
FROM: Christopher Lacambra, Executive Director of Business Services  
SUBJECT: Florida Teacher Lead Program Funds

As you are aware, 2015-2016 was the first year teachers were required to provide receipts as part of the Florida Teacher Lead Program. As a reminder, the following is the intent of the Florida Legislature for the use of these funds:

*Florida Statute 1012.71(2) "The funds, appropriated are for **certified** classroom teachers to purchase, on behalf of the school district or charter school, classroom materials and supplies for the public school students assigned to them and may not be used to purchase equipment."*

Previously several questions were raised about the specific use of these funds. Food was purchased quite often to some level in the receipts that were turned in. However, food and candy are not allowable expenditures from state funds. Since these are funds that are appropriated by the state, food cannot be purchased. Additionally, monies were used to purchase such things as yearbooks, clothing, medication, furniture or equipment. None of these are allowable under the intended use for these funds. ***Please ensure that you understand the intended use of these funds and make only allowable purchases.***

Nassau County School District partnered with Office Depot to establish a Teacher Lead Program Account last year and will continue that program for FY1920. You may make tax-free purchases on this account up to the level of the 2019-20 Lead Teacher Allocation of \$287.00. Information on the new accounts will be sent soon. Purchases through this vehicle provide you greater purchasing power since these purchases are tax-free and at the district's current bid prices. Materials are delivered directly to the school. Any questions on your account should be directed to Chris Lacambra.

You do have the option to decline receipt of the funds and return the funds without explanation. Any unused funds will be returned to your school's School Advisory Council account.

Again, any questions about the Florida Teacher Lead Program Stipend should be directed to Chris Lacambra, either by email or at extension 1230.

***Our mission is to develop each student as an inspired life-long learner and problem-solver with the strength of character to serve as a productive member of society.***