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BOR ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO. 7, FY 2003

DATE: September 23, 2002

TO: ALL SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM: Marjorie Blum

SUBJECT: PROJECT LIBERTY ALLOCATION

Last year, the NYC Department of Education (*formerly the NYC Board of Education*) received a \$1.3m Federal Emergency Management Assistance (FEMA) grant to fund Project Liberty. The program provided crisis/supportive counseling and mental health services for students who were experiencing signs of post-traumatic stress due to the events of September 11th. In addition, the program provided public education around issues relating to trauma and crisis situations. As a continuation of this program in FY 2003, the Federal government has awarded \$8.9m. A second and much larger appropriation is expected later this year.

The \$8.9m appropriation will focus on districts most effected by the tragedy of September 11th. The funds are being allocated to these districts based on 60% bereavement (80 pupils or more) and 40% enrollment for schools located near the World Trade Center (below 14th street). Monies were also set aside for centrally administered professional development/public education. The anticipated second grant is expected to be distributed to all districts based on several factors identified in last year's Needs Assessment: bereavement, schools at ground zero, enrollment, grades 4-6 and Hispanic origin. District allocations appear on the attached table.

Funds will be placed in district reimbursable budget, quick code #38590. Reimbursable scheduling rules enumerated in the Cost Factor Circular are to be followed with one exception, no indirect costs are to be scheduled. Federal allocations may not be used to supplant funding for already existing program/services. Up to 10% of the allocation may be used for OTPS expenditures associated with custodial costs for extended school openings and for instructional supplies to support the counseling program.

The federal government requires strict accounting of how funds are being spent. By using the above quick code, financial tracking will be available in FAMIS. For program reporting, districts are required to submit plans describing student services being provided and how those services are being delivered. The application package will be sent out by the Division of Student Support Services at a later date.

Attachment

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Table

PROJECT LIBERTY

<u>Dist</u>	<u>Districts w/Personal Loss</u>		<u>Below 14th St,</u>		<u>Allocation</u>
	<u>over 80</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Amount</u>	
1	–	\$0	8,531	\$905,724	\$905,724
2	–	0	8,435	895,531	895,531
6	142	693,897	–	0	693,897
8	82	400,701	–	0	400,701
25	148	723,217	–	0	723,217
27	142	693,897	–	0	693,897
31	265	1,294,948	–	0	1,294,948
71	102	498,433	9,516	1,010,300	1,508,733
72	89	434,907	–	0	434,907
79	–	0	3,282	348,445	348,445
Subt	970	\$4,740,000	29,764	\$3,160,000	\$7,900,000
D67	Continuation of centrally-provided Crisis Training and follow-up needs assessment.				\$1,000,000
TOTAL					\$8,900,000