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## **SCHOOL ALLOCATION MEMORANDUM NO.72 , FY07**

**DATE:** October 17, 2006

**TO:** **INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP DIVISION (ILD)**  
**SUPERINTENDENTS, REGIONAL OPERATION CENTER**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS, and**  
**SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

**FROM:** Susan Olds, Executive Budget Director

**SUBJECT: DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION**

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Differentiated instruction strategies are critical to increasing teacher capacity to provide effective learning experiences to diverse learners in the same classroom. Current best practices recognize that students have various strengths and weaknesses, and teaching to strengths rather than accentuating weaknesses are critical to student success.

In the Spring 2006, the Department of Education's Office of Special Education Initiatives invited principals to attend a workshop on the elements of Differentiated Instruction and their use in designing classroom instruction. In order to provide follow up at the classroom level, these same Principals were invited to send teams of general and special education classroom teachers from their schools to participate in training sessions offered in August 2006 by Deborah Jones-Riley, an expert in this area.

This allocation memorandum provides funds to enable twenty-six selected schools that participated in the August, 2006 professional development session to support differentiated instruction strategies in their schools improving the quality of instruction for general education and special education students.

**All twenty-six schools will:**

- Integrate differentiated learning strategies into the school instructional program
- Provide opportunities for teachers to develop and share differentiated learning strategies that have been successful in their respective classrooms
- Provide the full support of the Principal/Assistant Principal in integrating differentiated instruction strategies into the instructional program of the school
- Provide additional professional development opportunities to teachers in differentiated learning

**Allowable Program Activities:**

- Per session, substitute coverage and preparation period coverage for:
  - Teacher study groups to have common planning and sharing time in differentiated learning strategies
  - Teacher consultations with math and literacy coaches and other instructional resource persons
  - Additional professional development for teachers (training per session rate before or after school)
  - Purchasing of teacher and student materials such as books, videos, etc. fostering differentiated learning approaches in the school

**Allocation Methodology:**

Schools participating in the August, 2006 conference to support Differentiated Learning are being allocated \$3,000 each to foster integration of Differentiated Instruction strategies in the classroom and improve the quality of instruction for their general education students and special education students.

Allotments were placed in the following allocation categories:

<u>Allocation Category</u>	<u>Use</u>
"Instructional Programs"	for Elementary and Middle schools
"Instructional Programs HS"	for High Schools
"Instructional Programs CW"	for District 75 schools

Attachment

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**FY07 SAM #72 DIFFERENTIATED INSTRUCTION**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Level</b>	<b>Allocation</b>
2	11X097	PS 097 BRONX	EL	\$3,000
2	11X144	JHS 144 MICHAELANGELO	MS	\$3,000
2	12X158	I S 158 THEODORE GATHINGS	MS	\$3,000
3	29Q116	PS 116 WILLIAM C. HUGHLEY	MS	\$3,000
4	24Q012	PS 012 JAMES B COLGATE	EL	\$3,000
4	24Q153	PS 153 MASPETH ELEM	EL	\$3,000
5	23K298	PS 298 DR. BETTY SHABAZZ	MS	\$3,000
5	27Q045	PS 045 CLARENCE WITHERSPOON	EL	\$3,000
5	27Q254	PS 254	EL	\$3,000
5	27Q410	BEACH CHANNEL HS	HS	\$3,000
5	27Q465	FAR ROCKAWAY HS	HS	\$3,000
6	17K061	M S 061 GLADSTONE H. ATWELL	MS	\$3,000
6	17K398	PS 398 WALTER WEAVER	EL	\$3,000
6	18K232	IS 232 THE WINTHROP	MS	\$3,000
6	22K206	PS 206 JOSEPH F LAMB	MS	\$3,000
8	13K008	PS 008 ROBERT FULTON	EL	\$3,000
8	13K009	PS 009 TEUNIS G BERGEN	EL	\$3,000
9	01M509	CMSP-MARTE VALLE SEC. SCHOOL	HS	\$3,000
75	97K721	PS 721	CW	\$3,000
75	97Q993	PS 993Q @ P191	CW	\$3,000
ES	02M183	PS 183 ROBERT L STEVENSON	EL	\$3,000
ES	12X066	PS 066 SCH OF HIGHER EXPECTAT	EL	\$3,000
ES	15K024	PS 024	EL	\$3,000
ES	19K507	HE PERFORMING ARTS AND TECHNOLOGY HIG	HS	\$3,000
ES	24Q093	IS 093 RIDGEWOOD	MS	\$3,000
ES	24Q877	51ST AVENUE ACADEMY	EL	\$3,000

**\$78,000**