

**Summary Explanation and Background**

This request to accelerate the School Choice Enhancement Program (SCEP) funding for Cooper City Elementary School from Year 5 (2019) to Year 4 (2018) is being made on behalf of the school administration. The Parent Teachers Association (PTA) at Cooper City Elementary School has been actively raising monies for an extended period of time. The Principal has requested that the SCEP funding be made available one year in advance of its currently approved year, in order to combine with the PTA funding that has already been collected.

Although the SCEP process has not yet been implemented at Cooper City Elementary School, there have been discussions among the relevant groups at the school to bring forth a request for acceleration of the SCEP funding. With approval of this item, Cooper City Elementary School can be included in the Year 4 schools which commenced in Q4, 2017.