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After vetoing more than \$450 million in specific appropriations, Governor Bush signed the 2006-2007 state budget. In his veto message, the governor praised Senate President Tom Lee and House Speaker Allan Bense for their capable leadership in crafting a responsible, fiscally sound budget and for adding to state reserves that now total of more than \$6 billion. The governor vetoed approximately \$14 million from K-12 education appropriations. These vetoed items are listed below.

EDUCATION RELATED ITEMS VETOED FROM THE 2006-2007 BUDGET

The following portions of line item 105A – MENTORING INITIATIVES:

Florida Museum Mentoring Initiative	750,000
Role Models Mentoring	250,000

All of line item 106A – INNOVATIVE READING PILOT PROGRAMS

All of line item 107A – INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY

The following portions of line item 116 – SCHOOL AND INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS:

Pensacola Naval Museum Distance Learning	750,000
After School Tutoring-Dade	25,000
Russell Reading Room	225,000
Operation Student Success	94,840
Out of School Suspension Program	50,000
Young Haitian Leadership Program	150,000
Statewide Science Teacher Education Program	400,000
FHSAA Finals Participant Reimbursement Program	500,000
Yes I Can/High School Dropout Prevention Program	120,000
After School Student Tutorial Lab/Program	25,000
Schultz Center for Teaching and Leadership	350,000
Automotive Youth Educational Systems-FADA	100,000
Embry Riddle Engineering/Physics Career Launch	200,000
Island Dolphin Care Center	50,000
Sea Trek Distance Learning	550,000
Online Test Preparation for Teacher Retention	300,000
Hallandale Beach After School Tutorial Program	150,000
Pembroke Pines After School Tutorial Program	50,000
Rio Grande Charter School of Excellence	250,000
Project CHILD	1,000,000

Online Library Pilot Project	800,000
Mobility Opportunities Via Education	16,820
FHSAA Random Steroids Testing Pilot Program	200,000
Endeavour Academy	350,000

Funds for the Online Library Pilot Project are provided for an electronic web-based library pilot project for high schools. The pilot shall consist of large, medium, and small school districts. The Department of Education shall make the final selection of the pilot districts. The department shall request providers of electronic online libraries for high school students to submit proposals for conducting the pilots which include, but are not limited to, complete books and staff development activities for teachers utilizing the pilot. Representatives of the school districts and the department shall provide to the chair of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, the chair of the House Fiscal Council, and the Executive Office of the Governor, by December 31, 2007, a report containing a summary of the pilot project.

The following portion of line item 124 – INSTRUCTIONAL TECHNOLOGY:

WPPB-TV BECON Educational Programming	250,000
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The following portions of line item 133 – WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 133, \$2,000,000 is provided for competitive grants to enhance the training and production of skilled individuals to support the construction industry in Florida, of which \$200,000 shall be used to give priority to rural communities in which minorities comprise a majority of the population. These funds shall only be used for new or expanded apprenticeship programs and shall not supplant funds provided for apprenticeship programs in the 2005-2006 fiscal year. The Department of Education shall establish competitive bid criteria and requirements for grant contracts and shall solicit proposals from local education agencies, construction trade associations, registered apprenticeship organizations, and private postsecondary institutions with demonstrated experience in providing education in the skilled construction trades for the use of these funds. The funds must be used to fund proposals which enhance existing programs or establish new programs to produce more trained workers. Grant recipients must agree to maintain the level of support for training in the skilled construction trades which was provided during the 2005-2006 fiscal year. Criteria for awarding grants shall include: the degree to which proposals address deficiencies in skilled construction workers in a particular area; the applicant's history of working successfully and cooperatively with the industry; the applicant's history of successfully placing trained workers in high wage jobs; the applicant's willingness to enroll black males, ex-offenders, and single mothers with children; and the cost-effectiveness of the proposal. These grant funds shall be included in and become a part of the districts' 2006-2007 fiscal year base funding to which any future funding shall be added.

From the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 133, \$200,000 shall be provided for the Belle Glade Apprenticeship Program.

The following portion of line item 135B – SCHOOL & INSTRUCTIONAL ENHANCEMENTS:

From the funds in Specific Appropriation 135B, \$200,000 is provided for the SABER Nursing Program.