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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
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FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: December 20, 2007

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SUBJECT: MAJOR AREAS OF INTEREST 2008-2009 SUBMISSION

On January 2, 2008, the web-based Major Areas of Interest (MAI) submission site at <http://fldoe.org/APlusPlus/> will be unlocked to give districts the opportunity to update MAIs that will be made available at each school that serves high school students. The process for this update will be similar to the original submission process. Working through their districts, schools will have the opportunity to identify the MAIs and courses that will be a part of each MAI for the 2008-2009 school year.

The web-based system to update high school MAIs will be open from **8:00 a.m. eastern standard time (EST) January 2, 2008, through 5:00 p.m. EST February 29, 2008.**

Directions are as follows:

- 1. Logging On:** After clicking on the link to this [Web site](#), a username and password will be requested. The username is the name of the school district; the password is the same that was used by each district during the August – October submission period. If your password is denied or you are not aware of the password, please contact Heather Kelley at (850) 245-0509 or via e-mail at Heather.Kelley@fldoe.org. The password will only be released to the program and/or data contact we have listed for each district. All staff charged with submitting information will need to obtain the password from the contact. Additionally, it is up to each district as to whether they choose to share the password with their high schools.

CHERI PIERSON YECKE
Chancellor
K-12 Public Schools

2. Contact Information Section: Please make sure this information is correct. The program contact is the person that MAI inquiries will be referred to for district specific information. The data contact is for use by the Florida Department of Education (DOE) if there is a question regarding the submission of the MAIs.

3. State Approved Major Areas of Interest for High Schools Section: The MAIs that are newly state approved, as well as those that were previously approved, are now available to all high schools. Update the MAIs that will be available for each school. Use the check boxes to identify the courses in each MAI selected. If the school or district wants to rename a MAI by a unique name, that name should be submitted. In order to continue to the logout page, each high school must have selected the MAIs and courses they will be offering in the 2008-2009 school year.

4. Notify DOE That Your Data Entry is Complete Section: By completing this page with the Superintendent's approval assurance, the DOE will know that your submission is complete. The deadline for completing this update process is **5:00 pm EST on February 29, 2008.**

Please contact Heather Kelley at (850) 245-0509 or via e-mail at Heather.Kelley@fldoe.org if you need additional assistance on using the web-based system. If you need assistance on implementing these requirements, please contact Lillian Finn, Director of Secondary Reform at (850) 245-0509 or via e-mail at Lillian.Finn@fldoe.org.

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cc: District Guidance Counselors