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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: February 7, 2008

SUBJECT: THIRD GRADE STUDENT PROGRESSION

The purpose of this technical assistance document is to provide school districts with updates and changes relative to third grade student progression policies.

As you make important promotion, remediation, and retention decisions for the third grade students in your school district, we hope that this set of questions and answers will be a valuable resource. The previous memo on this topic (K-12: 2006-90) went out via the paperless system on July 7, 2006. Please refer to the document that we are supplying today for the most up to date information.

Information on the following issues is provided: student portfolios, testing and assessment, tier three students and transitional classrooms, options for parents of struggling readers, summer reading camps, mid-year promotion, Exceptional Student Education (ESE) promotion issues, curriculum, and professional development.

If we can be of further assistance or provide clarification on any of these topics, please contact Melinda Webster, Elementary Reading Specialist, at (850) 245-0503 or via e-mail at Melinda.Webster@fldoe.org, or Alan Ramos, Educational Policy Consultant, at (850) 245-0745 or via e-mail at Alan.Ramos@fldoe.org.

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