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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Betty Coxe

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SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW JUVENILE JUSTICE QUALITY ASSURANCE REVIEW PROCEDURES FOR DEEMED AND SPECIAL DEEMED JUVENILE JUSTICE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Pursuant to the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) and the Just Read, Florida! initiative, school districts have many new educational requirements to implement concerning improved student achievement. The Legislature has found that education is the single most important factor in the rehabilitation of adjudicated delinquent youth in the custody of the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) in detention or commitment facilities. The Department of Education (DOE) wants to ensure that all juvenile justice students continue to receive the quality education expected by the Florida Legislature.

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Therefore, due to the rigorous standards required by NCLB and Florida's reading initiative, DOE has developed a modified review process for the educational component of deemed and special deemed programs. The review process includes a more comprehensive two-day review and the review of nine priority quality assurance indicators instead of six. The priority quality assurance indicators include:

- E1.01 Transition---Enrollment
- E1.02 Assessment
- E1.03 On-site Transition---Student Planning
- E1.06 Exit Transition
- E2.01 Curriculum---Academic
- E2.04 Instructional Delivery
- E2.05 Behavior Management
- E3.02 Instructional Personnel Qualifications
- E3.06 Funding and Support

The diligence of districts and private educational providers has raised the standards of quality of educational services for juvenile justice students. Thank you for efforts in this matter. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Mary Jo Butler via email at maryjo.butler@fldoe.org or Cameron Dougherty at cameron.dougherty@fldoe.org, or by telephone at (850) 487-3510 (Suncom 277-3510) or Terry Coxe, Supervisor, Juvenile Justice Educational Enhancement Program at (850) 414-8355.

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