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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Commissioner Horne

**DATE:** June 3, 2003

**SUBJECT: Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement**

The 2003 Legislature enacted the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act. The purpose of this new law (section 1002.23, Florida Statutes) is to provide parents with specific information about their child's educational progress; provide information about their choices and opportunities for involvement in their child's education; and provide a framework for building and strengthening partnerships among parents, teachers, principals, district school superintendents, and other school personnel. A summary of the bill is attached.

Department staff is working with school and district staff, community partners, parents, and state PTA leaders to plan appropriate implementation of this legislation. Additional technical assistance materials and information regarding these provisions will be made available in the near future. We encourage you to begin to make schools and those who work with families aware of these new requirements. *In order to facilitate communication and provide targeted technical assistance, we ask that you complete and return the attached form to identify the staff person who will be responsible for coordinating the implementation of the Family and School Partnership for Student Achievement Act in your district.*

I commend you and your staff for your current efforts in providing opportunities for parents to be involved in their child's educational program. This legislation will support your commitment for building and strengthening a comprehensive program that will enhance positive student achievement. If you need further information, please feel free to contact Linda Thompson or Kay Kammel in the Office of Family and Community Outreach at 850/245-0847, or Mary Jo Butler, Director of Intervention and Prevention Services at 850/245-0479. They can also be reached by electronic mail at [Linda.Thompson@fldoe.org](mailto:Linda.Thompson@fldoe.org), [Kay.Kammel@fldoe.org](mailto:Kay.Kammel@fldoe.org), or [MaryJo.Butler@fldoe.org](mailto:MaryJo.Butler@fldoe.org).

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