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MEMORANDUM

To: District School Superintendents

From: Jim Warford

Date: April 15, 2004

Subject: **KINDERGARTEN AND SEVENTH GRADE IMMUNIZATION VALIDATION ASSESSMENT, SCHOOL YEAR 2003-2004**

The Department of Health requested our office forward to all school districts the enclosed information on the Kindergarten and Seventh Grade Validation Assessment, School Year 2003-2004. Section 1003.22, Florida Statutes, requires each school district to refuse admittance or temporarily exclude from attendance any child who is not in compliance with the immunization requirements for school attendance. The Validation Assessment indicated 4.3 percent of seventh grade students and 1.7 percent of kindergarten students in randomly selected schools were in school without proper documentation. Schools must work closely with the county health departments to exclude and refer these students for needed immunizations or documentation before they return to school.

If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Deanna Bishop, Bureau of Immunization, at (850) 245-4342 or Suncom 205-4342.

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Enclosure

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