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MEMORANDUM

TO: Select School District Superintendents

FROM: Theresa A. Klebacha, Ph.D.
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Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools

SUBJECT: OPPAGA Review of Florida Charter Schools

Pursuant to Section 1002.33(22), Florida Statutes, the Florida Legislature has directed its Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) to conduct a review of Florida charter schools. This memorandum is to alert you that OPPAGA representatives may be contacting your district's charter school coordinator to discuss the review and to obtain documents related to charter school operations in your district.

The Department of Education requests that your district fully cooperate with OPPAGA and assist them in their information gathering effort. Your involvement will assist the Legislature with its review of the operation of charter schools during the 2005 Legislative Session. A thorough review will assist in producing findings and recommendations that strengthen charter school operations and further define the role and responsibilities of charter schools and school district sponsors.

If you have any immediate questions about this review, please contact Nancy Scowcroft at (850) 245-0856 or Suncom 205-0856. Thank you for your cooperation.

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