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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Betty Coxe

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SUBJECT: ***2000-2001 Statewide Report on School Safety and Discipline Data***

I am pleased to provide you with the enclosed copy of the 2000-2001 Statewide Report on School Safety and Discipline Data. The Florida Department of Education (DOE) collects data on 21 incidents of crime, violence, and disruptive behaviors through the *School Environmental Safety Incident Report (SESIR)* system. *SESIR*, as it is commonly identified, collects incident data that occur on school grounds, on school-sponsored transportation, and at off-campus, school-sponsored events during any 24-hour period, 365 days per year. DOE also collects data on six types of disciplinary actions that are administered when students violate school or district rules. The three main discipline actions described in this report are in-school suspensions, out-of-school suspensions, and expulsions.

The report contains tables and figures that summarize the 1998-1999, 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 *SESIR* and discipline data that were reported to DOE by the 67 Florida school districts. This report provides statewide totals, including a trend analysis of the *SESIR* data and discipline data over a period of three school years, 1998-1999, 1999-

2000, and 2000-2001, and discipline data disaggregated by school grade level, gender, and race for 2000-2001.

The report also contains a comprehensive district data profile of the *SESIR* and discipline data for each of the 67 school districts in Florida over the past three years. Please remember that the time to correct *SESIR* and discipline data from Survey 5 is in the summer and fall. Once the data are finalized, it is not possible to change this report.

The appendices provide definitions of *SESIR* incidents from the 1998-1999 school years and the revised definitions that were effective in the 1999-2000, and 2000-2001 school years.

This memorandum is available at http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00005dpsmemo02/index.htm on the DOE Internet Homepage. The report is also available on the DOE Internet homepage, under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools web page.

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