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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: November 21, 2005

**SUBJECT: DRIVER LICENSE/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAM REPORT,
FIRST QUARTER 2005-2006**

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K12: 2005-161

In the Department of Education's continued effort to improve student attendance and to improve student rates of learning, please find attached a copy of the report from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for the first quarter of 2005-2006. This report now includes manual additions and deletions by Department personnel. The names of students transmitted to the DHSMV will be mailed under separate cover to your district's Director of Student Services. Our staff reviewed and compiled the information into a state summary that reflects transactions processed for school districts from July 1, 2005, through September 30, 2005 (*Attachment 1*).

For the first quarter of the school year 2005-2006:

- 1,179 students received Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges
- 4,753 Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges were deleted
- 3,616 Non-Licensed drivers received notices that they were not eligible to apply and receive driver licenses
- 12,088 Non-Licensed/Non-Compliance Orders were deleted
- 594 Suspension Orders were issued
- 2,619 Suspension Orders were cleared or deleted
- 27 students who reinstated their driving privilege received 2nd suspension

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The Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege directs school districts to transmit student data to DHSMV at least once a week. Implementation of these requirements can improve district dropout and attendance rates. Data revealed that only 4.5% of students who had their driver license suspended for excessive absences received a second suspension. Therefore, 95.5% of students who received a first suspension were never issued a second suspension for non-compliance with school attendance requirements.

If you have questions regarding your data, please contact Donald Klein, DHSMV, at (850) 488-3288. If you have questions concerning policies and procedures relating to the implementation of the driver license/school attendance program requirements, please refer to the Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege or contact Rich Downs via email at rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu or by telephone at (850) 922-3732, or SunCom 292-3732.

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Attachment

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Guidance Supervisors
Dropout Prevention Coordinators
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