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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: February 6, 2006

SUBJECT: Identification of the Top 20% of the Graduating Class of 2006 for the Talented 20 Program

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The State Board of Education has identified Highest Student Achievement and Seamless Articulation and Maximum Access as two of its primary goals. In the effort to support these goals, the Department of Education needs your help to identify students in the class of 2006 who rank in the top 20% of their graduating class and who may be eligible for the Talented 20 program. The attached document, *Technical Specifications for the Submission of Talented 20 Data*, provides details related to data submission.

The Florida Department of Education's website (FDOE), www.fldoe.org, now has a dedicated link for the Talented 20 program at www.fldoe.org/Talented20/. This web page provides general information on the Talented 20 program, answers frequently asked questions, and includes the program report for last year's graduating class. After February 9, 2006, this link also will provide high school counselors and other educators with the opportunity to view district and school student eligibility data online. District Talented 20 program contacts were sent a district and school specific listing of Talented 20 program logon identifications via email at the end of January. Beginning with the identification of the top 20% of the graduating class of 2006 for the Talented 20 program, student eligibility reports may be downloaded from the Talented 20 program link and will no longer be downloaded from the Northwest Regional Data Center (NWRDC). The attachment provides detailed instructions for downloading student eligibility data.

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All data, including corrections to the eligibility reports, must be received no later than **Thursday, March 9, 2006**. If you have questions regarding the Talented 20 program, please contact Helen Lancashire at hlancash@tempest.coedu.usf.edu or (850) 488-1842, SC 278-1842. If you have questions regarding transmission of data or other technical matters, please contact Laverne McKenzie at Laverne.Mckenzie@fldoe.org or (850) 245-9763, SC 205-9763. We are grateful for your continued assistance with the Talented 20 program student identification process.

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Attachment

cc: Talented 20 program contacts
MIS contacts
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District Guidance Supervisors