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Florida Department of Education
INCREASING THE QUANTITY AND IMPROVING THE
QUALITY OF EDUCATIONAL OPTIONS

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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Virginia Gentles, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Parent Notification of the McKay Scholarship Option

The Department of Education is working to increase the quantity and improve the quality of education options for students and parents, and school districts play a key role in this effort.

As you know, school districts are required by statute to inform parents of eligible students of their option to use a McKay Scholarship for their child to attend a private school or a public school of choice within their home district (Section 1002.39(3), Florida Statutes). Since school districts vary in notification approaches, we have attached a short form for you to complete identifying your method(s) and timeline of notification. Also, attached are template letters, in multiple languages, that you may consider using to notify your parents of eligible students.

It is strongly recommended that parental notification in your district be completed in a timely manner to allow parents sufficient time to file a parental intent by the July 3, 2006, deadline. Please fax the completed District Parent Notification Report to our office **no later than Wednesday, June 7, 2006.**

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

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Attachments

cc: District McKay Scholarship Contacts
District ESE Directors
Assistant Superintendents for Instruction