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March 10, 2006

MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: John L. Winn

SUBJECT: Progress on e-Personal Education Planner (ePEP) use at FACTS.org

Attached is the ePEP Usage Report as of February 28, 2006, organized alphabetically by district. Please take a look at the percentage of students who are using the ePEP in your district's high schools.

We appreciate your efforts to encourage ePEP use and your help in reaching our goal of 100% of Florida high school students completing a plan. The ePEP online planner is an integral part of the Governor's A++ Plan for Education and assists districts with meeting the statutory requirements of both Section 1006.02, Florida Statutes (providing information to students and parents on school-to-work transition), and Section 1009.531, Florida Statutes (notifying parents and students about their standing in the Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program).

More than 60 district trainings have taken place to date, and both students and counselors are reporting that they find the ePEP easy to use and extremely helpful. To help guidance counselors, students and parents learn how to use ePEP, FACTS.org is hosting a series of six Regional ePEP Training Workshops between March 15 and April 6, 2006. The dates and locations are as follows:

[FACTS.org ePEP Regional Training Workshops](#)

Wednesday, March 15, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Palm Beach Community College

Building: AH101
4200 Congress Avenue
Lake Worth, FL 33461

Tuesday, March 21, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Florida Atlantic University, Broward Campus

Liberal Arts Building, Room 120
2912 College Avenue
Davie, FL 33314

Thursday, March 30, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Seminole Community College

Building J, Room 100
100 Weldon Boulevard
Sanford, FL 32773

Tuesday, April 4, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.

Tallahassee Community College

Workforce Bldg., Grand Banquet Hall
EWD Room 105-111
444 Appleyard Drive
Tallahassee, FL 32304

Wednesday, March 29, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Florida Community College Jacksonville
 Room-A1068 (Building “A” 1st floor)
 101 W. State Street (corner of State & Pearl)
Jacksonville, FL 32202

Thursday, April 6, 2006: 6:30–8:30 p.m.
Hillsborough Community College
 Student Services Bldg., Room 108
 4001 W. Tampa Bay Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33614

The workshops are free and require no registration. Please help support this training effort by encouraging any guidance counselors in your district who have not yet received ePEP training to attend one of these workshops. A map showing the regional workshop locations can be accessed via the FACTS.org homepage or at: http://www.facts.org/pdf_sw/FACTS_Region_Map.pdf

Congratulations to the following top 10 high schools and their respective districts for ePEP use:

Top 10 High Schools using ePEP (based on the PERCENTAGE of students with an ePEP)*:

	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTY	ENROLLED	NEW LOG-INS	PERCENT
1.	Graceville High School	Jackson	181	164	91%
2.	Holmes County High School	Holmes	493	439	89%
3.	Haines City High School	Polk	1,321	809	61%
4.	Sarasota Military Academy	Sarasota	451	272	60%
5.	Cottdale High School	Jackson	246	134	54%
6.	Harrison School For The Arts	Polk	386	185	48%
7.	Lake Placid High School	Highlands	794	353	44%
8.	Blountstown Sr. High School	Calhoun	428	190	44%
9.	West Nassau County High School	Nassau	1,038	455	44%
10.	The Villages Charter High School	Sumter	435	189	43%

* The top 10 schools in terms of percentages were chosen from among high schools with an enrollment of at least 100 students.

Top 10 High Schools using ePEP (based on NUMBER of students who have one):

	SCHOOL NAME	COUNTY	ENROLLED	NEW LOG-INS	PERCENT
1.	Park Vista Community High School	Palm Beach	2,833	1,091	39%
2.	Ocoee High School	Orange	2,979	984	33%
3.	Western High School	Broward	2,575	910	35%
4.	Haines City Senior High School	Polk	1,321	809	61%
5.	Lincoln High School	Leon	1,996	751	38%
6.	James W. Mitchell High School	Pasco	2,484	725	29%
7.	Coral Park Senior High	Miami Dade	4,062	609	15%
8.	Leon High School	Leon	1,854	492	27%
9.	F. W. Buchholz High School	Alachua	2,305	465	20%
10.	West Nassau County High School	Nassau	1,038	455	44%

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I appreciate your renewed efforts and those of your staff, high school administrators and guidance counselors to help students learn about and use the new ePEP. If you have questions or need additional information, please contact FACTS.org at (850) 245-0518 or via email at facts@fldoe.org.

JW/srg

Attachment

c: Assistant Superintendents for Instruction
District Guidance Supervisors
District Student Services Supervisors
District Bright Futures Directors
District Public Information Officers
High School Principals
High School Guidance Counselors
High School Media Specialists
Chancellor Cheri Yecke