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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph. D.

DATE: March 17, 2006

SUBJECT: *Technical Assistance Paper Related to Title I Parental Involvement*

In an effort to assist school districts and schools in the implementation of parental involvement policies as provided in Title I, Part A, of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act of 2001, Department staff have developed the attached technical assistance paper (TAP) entitled, "Title I Parental Involvement." The purpose of this TAP is to provide information, guidance, and clarification on district and school responsibilities, parent rights, and the opportunity for meaningful parental participation in the education of their children.

Research has shown that partnerships among families, schools, and communities help students reach high standards by addressing the range of barriers that can impede academic progress. We commend districts and schools for the progress attained thus far in achieving this goal. The Department hopes you find this TAP helpful in clarifying the responsibilities of districts and schools and in identifying additional strategies for implementing effective parental involvement policies.

CHERI PIERSON YECKE, PH.D.
CHANCELLOR, K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The TAP will also be available on the Bureaus of Student Assistance and Family and Community Outreach websites at: http://www.firn.edu/doe/title1/pubs_data.htm and <http://www.firn.edu/doe/family/faminov.htm>.

If you have questions or need additional assistance, please contact Joyce Hobson at the contact information listed above, or Jerry Whitmore, Chief, Bureau of Student Assistance, at (850) 245-0686, or via email at Jerry.Whitmore@fldoe.org.

Thank you again for ensuring that parents are afforded the opportunity to participate in the education of their children in an effort to increase their academic achievement.

Attachment

cc: District Title I Coordinators
District Parental and Community Involvement Coordinators