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MEMORANDUM

To: District School Superintendents

From: Betty Coxe *BC*

Date: August 8, 2002

Subject: Update of Office of Program Policy and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) Best Practices for Safety and Security

Section 229.8348(1), Florida Statutes, requires that the Safety and Security Best Practices and Indicators from the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA) be updated annually; therefore, the updated best practices should be finalized by October 1, 2002. Since your district has recently completed the safety and security self-assessment using these best practices, we would like your input as we update the best practices for School Year 2002-2003.

Please review the attached document, which is the October 2001, version of the Best Practices and Indicators, and submit any comments via e-mail to Julie Collins, at Julie.Collins@fldoe.org, by **September 6, 2002**. Comments may include ideas for new best practices, revisions to current practices, or the deletion of practices that do not rise to the level of "best." The Office of Safe Schools will compile your comments and submit them to OPPAGA and to the Partnership for School Safety, prior to the partnership's meeting on September 12-13, 2002, in Ocala, Florida.

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We also welcome any comments on the Safe Passage process. If you have any suggestions or comments on technical assistance, the submission of reports, any general comment on the process, or the Safe Passage web site (see link below), please let us know by e-mailing Julie Collins.

http://www.firn.edu/dae/besss/safe_passage/safe_passage.htm,

Thank you in advance for your interest in improving this process.

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Attachment

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