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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Betty Coxe *BC*

DATE: August 14, 2002

**SUBJECT: DRIVER LICENSE/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAM REPORTS
FOURTH QUARTER REPORT 2001-2002**

Enclosed you will find a copy of the report the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is required to send to each school district. This report now includes manual additions and deletions by department personnel. The names of students transmitted to the DHSMV will be mailed under separate cover to your district's Director of Student Services. Our staff reviewed the report and compiled the information into a State Summary that reflects transactions processed for school districts from April 1, 2002, through June 30, 2002 (*Attachment 1*).

For the fourth quarter of school year 2001-2002, school districts reported:

- 3,586 students received Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges
- 3,470 Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges were deleted
- 9,808 Non-Licensed drivers received notices that they were not eligible to apply and receive driver's licenses
- 6,085 Non-Compliance Orders for Non-Licensed drivers were deleted
- 3,793 Suspension Orders were issued

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- 2,636 Suspension Orders were cleared or deleted
- 107 students who reinstated their driving privilege received 2nd suspension

The Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege, transmitted by DPS Memo #01-053, directs school districts to transmit student data to DHSMV at least once a week. Districts reporting students as soon as they withdraw from school or accumulate 15 unexcused absences in 90 calendar days are more successful at retrieving dropouts and improving student attendance. Implementation of these requirements can improve district dropout and attendance rates.

If you have questions regarding your data, please contact Donald Klein, DHSMV, at 850/488-3288. If you have questions concerning the policies and procedures relating to the implementation of the driver license/school attendance program requirements, please refer to the Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege or contact Rich Downs via email at rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu or by telephone at (850) 922-3732 or Suncom 292-3732.

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