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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: July 12, 2006

SUBJECT: 2006 LEGISLATION: HB 127 FAMILY AND SCHOOL PARTNERSHIP FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT ACT AMENDMENTS

The Florida Department of Education is committed to a seamless education system to support student learning. It is important for schools to create a school climate that fosters family involvement to enable children to reach their full potential. House Bill (HB) 127, that amends S. 1002.23 and 1002.42, F.S., was passed by the 2006 Florida Legislature to provide parents with specific information and resources.

The legislation amends subsections (2) and (7) of S. 1002.23, F.S., to require that Department of Education guidelines include parent information regarding:

- School entry requirements
- Required school immunizations
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommended immunization schedule
- Student health resource information, including available parent resources
- Detailed information about meningococcal disease and vaccination

In addition, the legislation amends subsection (6) of S. 1002.42, F.S., to require the governing authority of each private school to provide parent information regarding:

- The importance of student health
- Available immunizations and vaccinations, including, but not limited to:
 - The CDC recommended immunization schedule
 - Detailed information about meningococcal disease and vaccination

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In accordance with current Florida law, school districts already develop and disseminate a local parent guide, consistent with the Florida Department of Education guidelines that describes what parents need to know about their child's educational progress and how they can help their child to succeed in school. HB 127 became effective July 1, 2006. To facilitate implementation of this legislation in time for the upcoming 2006-07 school year, districts may access the following Web sites to obtain downloadable materials to update their parent guide:

- Parent Resources are located on the Florida Department of Education Web site at <http://www.fldoe.org/parent/>. Scroll down to *Attendance and Enrollment* and click on *Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)* to access parent information pertaining to school entry and enrollment requirements.
- Required immunizations and the recommended immunization schedule are located on the Florida Department of Health Web site at http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/immune/qi_clinical/clinical.html. For required immunizations, scroll down and click on *Immunization and Record Requirements*. To access the CDC recommended immunization schedule, click on *Childhood Immunization Schedule*.
- Student health resource information is available via the Florida Healthy Kids Corporation Web site at <http://www.healthykids.org/>. Click on *Marketing* to obtain templates and parent brochures in English, Spanish, and Creole. Districts may also want to consider including local health resources for students and their families.
- Detailed information about meningococcal disease and vaccination is located on the CDC Web site at <http://www.cdc.gov/nip/publications/VIS/#mening>. Scroll down under *Vaccine Information Statements (VIS)* and click on *Meningococcal* updated (10/07/05). This meningococcal information is also available in multiple languages.

We look forward to working with you and appreciate your continued efforts to facilitate parent information and involvement. If you have questions or need additional information regarding implementation of this legislation, please contact Ms. Joyce Hobson via e-mail at Joyce.Hobson@fldoe.org or by telephone at 850-245-0842, SunCom 245-0845. For information regarding immunizations, please contact Ms. Dianne Mennitt, School Nurse Consultant, via e-mail at dmennitt@tempest.coedu.usf.edu or by telephone at 850-922-3727, SunCom 292-3727.

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Attachments: HB 127 (Enrolled)
s. 1002.23, F.S.
s. 1002.42, F.S.

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