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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** John L. Winn

**SUBJECT:** High School Feedback Report of 2005 Graduates

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Each year, Florida attempts to measure how well its high school graduates are prepared for postsecondary education. In support of the Florida Department of Education's dedication to improve higher student learning and support a K-20 education performance accountability system, the **High School Feedback Report for 2005 Graduates** is currently available online for public school districts to access and review. School districts and high schools are required to include strategies within the school improvement plan to improve student readiness for postsecondary education based on annual analysis of readiness data pursuant to Section 1008.37, Florida Statutes. The Florida Department of Education's K-20 Education Data Warehouse (EDW) is the reporting source for the 2005 public high school data and follow-up data for postsecondary enrollment.

To better prepare Florida's high school graduates for a successful transition to postsecondary education and the workplace, the *High School Feedback Report* data provides a comprehensive snapshot of the 2005 high school graduates' academic experience. These reports provide enrollment, participation and performance data to help districts and schools answer the question: "How effectively are we preparing students for success in a postsecondary educational program?" Every public high school that had graduates in 2005 has an online report. Within the report format are pre-graduate and post-graduate indicators of college readiness; allowing for comparison of school, district and state data. There are several possible approaches for using the feedback data, all of which can be used to better analyze and plan for improving student learning and achievement.

In its second year of release, the *High School Feedback Report* has been expanded to include information on 2005 high school graduate enrollment in Florida's independent postsecondary institutions, as well as out-of-state postsecondary institutions. Comparing the overall statewide data between 2004 and 2005 graduate cohorts, I am very pleased to report achievement increases on the following indicators:

- ✓ students scoring at level 3 on the FCAT in Mathematics and Reading;
- ✓ student enrollment in Algebra I or the equivalent prior to grade 9;
- ✓ students eligible for the maximum Bright Futures scholarship award;
- ✓ student enrollment in at least one Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement (AP), International Baccalaureate (IB) or Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) course;
- ✓ passing rates for entry-level and advanced college Mathematics courses; and
- ✓ passing rates for entry-level and advanced levels of college English courses.

In contrast, the report also identified some areas of weakness that should be addressed, including the need to increase the percentage of students participating in the PSAT or PLAN and the need for improvement in students' college admission test scores.

District reports can be accessed electronically via the mainframe in a formatted report. To access web-based reports, superintendents, designees, or MIS directors are instructed to go to <http://data.fldoe.org/readiness>. Enter your district name (Alachua, Baker, etc.) as the username and your District Number (01, 02, etc.) as your password. Once you have logged on and entered your initial password, you will be asked to change your password. Once the password has been changed, you can then select a school and view the Feedback Report. If you have questions about how to electronically access, query and print specific information needed for local reporting purposes, please contact Education Information Services at (850) 245-0400, Suncom 205-0400.

It is important that you share this data with your high school principals. Please provide them with the web address and the password that you choose so that they can view the data for their schools. We look forward to your involvement and request that you provide feedback ***prior to the public release of the reports in February 2007***. Please contact Dr. Pamela Kerouac directly at [pamela.kerouac@fldoe.org](mailto:pamela.kerouac@fldoe.org) or by telephone at (850) 245-0427 with questions or concerns.

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