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MEMORANDUM

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**SUBJECT: REVISED FLORIDA MATHEMATICS CONTENT STANDARDS
AVAILABLE FOR ONLINE REVIEW AND COMMENT**

The writing process for the new Florida Mathematics Content Standards is quickly coming to a close. For six months, numerous stakeholders have given their time and resources to revising the Florida Mathematics Content Standards.

We are now pleased to post the draft of the new Florida Mathematics Content Standards online for public review and comments.

On September 18-19, 2006, college professors, teachers from the entire K-20 spectrum across Florida, business representatives, and other mathematics professionals convened in Tallahassee, Florida, to listen to a panel of experts on mathematics standards and to develop a framework for revising the Florida Mathematics standards. The names and positions of the professionals and panel of experts are online at www.flstandards.org.

Florida mathematics experts developed the framework for mathematics content standards, which includes:

- K-8 mathematics content standards that are specified by grade level. These content standards are guided by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Focal Points (released September 13, 2006). These guidelines will greatly reduce the number of grade level expectations, now called standards, for each grade level while increasing rigor. Sample mathematics problems are included with the content standards.

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- Secondary mathematics content bodies of knowledge that are guided by California and Indiana's 9-12 content standards, State standards that were graded A. These bodies of knowledge selected by the Florida writers include Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Probability, Statistics, Calculus, Discrete Mathematics, and Financial Literacy.
- A glossary of terms that will be included with the final document.

We are now pleased to post the draft of the Florida Mathematics Content Standards online for public review and comment. We welcome your input and encourage you to invite other interested stakeholders to read and provide input to these draft standards. The public comment period will be 60 days.

You may review the mathematics content standards at www.flstandards.org. An introductory PowerPoint presentation is provided for your review. Directions on how to access and comment are included on the Web site.

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