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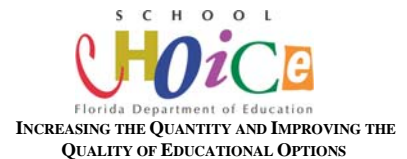
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TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Carlo Rodriguez, Ed.D.

SUBJECT: School Choice Parent Advisory Council

In an effort to become more responsive to the issues and concerns of the parents and communities as they relate to school choice initiatives in Florida, my office is forming a statewide parental choice advisory council. While Florida continues to lead the nation in school choice options, there is still much work to be done. We must strive to increase awareness of **all** the school choice options available in Florida.

In order to have a well represented state-wide group, we are seeking assistance from all the school districts in gathering nominations for parents to serve on this council. We are looking for parents that are actively involved in the local schools and communities and that would be willing to serve on this statewide forum and openly discuss issues as they relate to education and school choice.

Our office will be contacting your district school choice and volunteer coordinators to ask for their help in providing nominations for this council. The council needs parents that are vocal and committed to increasing educational opportunities for all of Florida's children and parents that realize the tremendous difference an informed parent can make in the quality of their child's educational experiences.

If you have any questions, please contact Cyndi Holleman in my office at 850.245.0502 or e-mail her at Cyndi.Holleman@fldoe.org.

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