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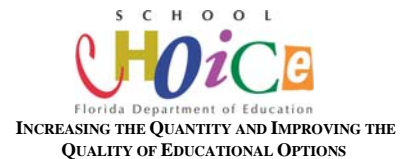
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TO: District School Choice and Community Involvement Coordinators

FROM: Cyndi Holleman, Outreach Coordinator

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, our 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 your help in gathering nominations for parent volunteers to serve on this council. We are looking for parents that are actively involved in the local schools and communities and that are willing to serve on this statewide forum and openly discuss issues as they relate to education and school choice. Your superintendent has also received an e-mail outlining this effort and is aware of the request being made.

If you know of any parent(s) that would be interested in serving on this council, please complete the attached nomination form and send it back to me by the end of February, as we hope to have this group in place by the spring. Your input is integral in creating a group that will be vocal and committed to increasing educational opportunities for all of Florida's children. If you have any questions, please contact me at 850.245.0502 or e-mail at Cyndi.Holleman@fldoe.org.

Your cooperation with this endeavor is greatly appreciated.

Attachment

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NOMINATION FORM

School Choice Parent Advisory Council

Nominee Contact Information:

Name:

Address:

City and Zip:

Phone:

Email:

Background:

How is the nominee actively involved with the school and/or community?

In what other related organizations or councils is this person involved?

Why do you believe this person would be a valuable and active member on this council?

Submitted by:

District:

Date: