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February 1, 2008

### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Community College Presidents

**FROM:** Dr. Willis N. Holcombe, Chancellor

**SUBJECT:** 2+2 Partnership Baccalaureate Incentive Funding

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Within the 2007-08 General Appropriations Act, \$3,400,000 was appropriated as a 2+2 Partnership Incentive for 2+2 baccalaureate programs being delivered at community college sites. This initiative supports the Department of Education's Strategic Imperative number three and number seven to coordinate efforts to improve higher student learning, and to align financial resources with performance.

Both community colleges and state universities offering baccalaureate degree programs on community college campuses during 2007-08 are eligible to receive funding. Community colleges with a site-determined baccalaureate program are eligible to receive funding only if the 2+2 baccalaureate degree program was established after the site-determined community college's first baccalaureate degree program was approved. Partnerships between community colleges and private colleges and universities which are accredited by a regional accrediting organization recognized by the Council for Higher Education Accreditation are also eligible to receive funding.



The application/distribution process for this appropriation is as follows:

- Eligible community colleges must submit the attached application to the Department of Education no later than March 14, 2008. **Applications will only be accepted from eligible community colleges.** Partner institutions may NOT submit applications. Partner institutions must provide accurate data to the eligible community colleges in order to receive funding.
- Community colleges must **submit separate data for EACH public or private college/university partner** that is delivering baccalaureate-level coursework at a community college site. If a partner is providing more than one degree program (for example Education and Business), combine all of the upper-division credit hours offered by that partner and record that figure on the enclosed application form.
- The total appropriation will be disbursed by the Department of Education and allocated to eligible community colleges and their partners based upon the enrollment (total credit hours reported) in the upper-division baccalaureate programs during 2007-08. *There is not a specific date established for distributing the 2+2 Partnership Baccalaureate Incentive funds. For 2006-2007, however, institutions received the funds on May 18, 2007.*
- Community colleges will receive 50% of the funding for each partnership program and their partner college/university will receive the other 50% of the funding.
- By submitting this application, community colleges and their partner institutions certify the accuracy of enrollment figures provided and understand that this information is subject to review by legislative auditors.
- By submitting this application, community colleges also certify that their private college partners are eligible and that the 2+2 baccalaureate degree program was established after the site-determined baccalaureate degree program was approved.

Please be advised that in the event of additional state appropriations reductions in 2007-08, funding for this program may be reduced or eliminated.

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For questions or technical assistance, please contact Dr. Kathyrine Scheuch, Director of Academic Programs and Teacher Preparation at [Kathyrine.Scheuch@fldoe.org](mailto:Kathyrine.Scheuch@fldoe.org).

Completed applications should be submitted by e-mail to Ms. Sophia Gaines, Specialist at [Sophia.Gaines@fldoe.org](mailto:Sophia.Gaines@fldoe.org).

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Attachment

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