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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith

SUBJECT: High School Feedback Report of 2007 Graduates

Each year, Florida attempts to measure how well high school graduates are prepared for postsecondary education. In support of the Florida State Board of Education's dedication to highest student achievement and a K-20 education performance accountability system, the **High School Feedback Report for 2007 Graduates** pursuant to s. 1008.37(2), Florida Statutes, is currently available online for public school districts to access and review. The Florida Department of Education's K-20 Education Data Warehouse (EDW) is the reporting source for the 2007 public high school data and follow-up data for postsecondary enrollment.

To assist school districts in preparing Florida's high school graduates for successful transition to postsecondary education and the workplace, the *High School Feedback Report* data provide a comprehensive snapshot of the 2007 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 education program?" Every public high school that had graduates in 2007 has an online report. Within the report format are pre-graduation and post-graduation indicators of college readiness; allowing for comparison of school, district, and state data. Additionally, there is a built-in feature to view 2005-2007 school-, district-, and state-level trend data side by side. 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.

Comparing the overall statewide data between 2006 and 2007 graduate cohorts, I am very pleased with continued gains in:

- ✓ student enrollment in at least one Dual Enrollment, AP, IB, or AICE course;
- ✓ student performance in entry level and advanced college math and English courses;
- ✓ students completing at least one Level 3 (college preparatory) high school math and science course;
- and

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✓ student enrollment in Algebra I or the equivalent prior to Grade 9.

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 **hsfr** as the username and **temp2112** as the password. 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.

It is very 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 use of this report.

If you have questions or feedback, we would like to hear from you prior to the public release of the reports in January, 2009. Please contact Dr. Shruti Graf directly at shruti.graf@fldoe.org or by telephone at (850) 245-7820.

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