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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
District Dropout Prevention Coordinators
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FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: July 31, 2009

SUBJECT: GED EXIT OPTION

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After a formal review of the GED Exit Option, it has come to our attention that there is no statutory authority to do the following:

- Implement the GED Exit Option in K-12 traditional schools and programs; and,
- Award any diploma other than the High School Equivalency Diploma (GED) to students participating in the GED Exit Option in DJJ programs.

As a result, the GED Exit Option will no longer be available to students in Florida, effective August 1, 2009. It is important to note that a GED diploma is still an option for all students per section 1003.435, Florida Statutes.

Please ensure that all relevant school district personnel are informed of this change in program status. In addition, make every effort to provide timely notification to parents and students affected by this change and inform them of additional options for school completion.

DR. FRANCES HAITHCOCK
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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