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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: May 13, 2011

SUBJECT: Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum Certification

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of pending action related to the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum (MGIC) certification for instructional personnel assignments that will go into effect beginning with the 2012-2013 school year.

- The MGIC certification will only be **appropriate for instructional personnel assigned to courses designated as Middle/Junior (grades 6-8).**
- A symbol will appear in the 2011-2012 Course Code Directory to indicate that all elementary and high school courses that currently allow the MGIC certification not allow the certification beginning with the 2012-2013 school year. In other words, the **MGIC certification will be “dagged” for any elementary and high school courses.**
- The MGIC certification for Middle/Junior (M/J) courses will be appropriate only for **appointments to these course(s) prior to July 1, 2012.**

It is the Department's intent to request that the State Board of Education repeal the rule related to the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum certification. It is important to note that educators will have the right to apply for and participate in the MGIC teacher certification examination for a period of three years from the date of repeal of the rule; however, only those teachers holding a MGIC certification appointed prior to July 1, 2012, will be designated as “in field” and/or “highly qualified.”

Should you have any questions concerning the MGIC certification and instructional personnel assignments, please contact the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction Chief at Teresa.Sweet@fldoe.org.

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