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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
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FROM: Dr. Michael Grego

DATE: September 23, 2011

SUBJECT: **2011 Legislative Changes to How a School's Differentiated Accountability Status is Determined**

On June 17, 2011, Governor Rick Scott signed into law House Bill 1255, Education Accountability. House Bill 1255 includes a provision revising Section 1008.33 Florida Statutes, Authority to Enforce Public School Improvement.

Currently, all Florida schools are annually evaluated. If they meet specified criteria, they are placed into one of six Differentiated Accountability (DA) categories: Prevent I, Correct I, Prevent II, Correct II, Intervene, and Schools not Required to Participate in DA Strategies. The category in which a school is placed has been based upon three criteria:

- Performance on statewide assessments;
- School Grade; and
- Level and rate of change in student performance in the areas of reading and mathematics, disaggregated into student subgroups (Adequate Yearly Progress).

With the passage of House Bill 1255, the criteria used to determine a school's DA category is changed to:

- Performance on statewide assessments; and
- Level and rate of change in student performance in the areas of reading and mathematics, disaggregated into student subgroups (Adequate Yearly Progress).

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Beginning with the 2010-2011 school year, high school placement within DA categories will now be based entirely on student performance on FCAT and other statewide assessments. The list of DA schools for the 2011-2012 school year can be found on our website at www.flbsi.org. Regional Executive Directors have already established contact with individual districts and schools to plan for support for the upcoming year.

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