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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: July 12, 2013

SUBJECT: District School Principal Preparation Programs

In 2008, pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 6A-5.081, Florida Administrative Code, the department reviewed and approved district programs that address the professional preparation for meeting level II school principal certification requirements. Program approval for your district was granted by the department through June 30, 2013. This memorandum provides the status of continued approval of your program.

Many systemic changes are in progress throughout Florida's public education system. These ongoing shifts impact the role of school leaders and create rising expectations for School Leadership Programs. Renewal of currently approved programs must address these shifting expectations and will be preceded by revised approval standards that reflect the ongoing shifts in the role of school leaders.

In order to provide districts and the department appropriate time to reflect on the changing role of educational leaders and school principals prior to revising the approval standards, approval of the current programs will be extended. Approval of all previously approved district School Leadership/Principal Preparation Programs (level II certification) is extended through June 30, 2015. Implementation of current programs should focus on the 2011 Florida Principal Leadership Standards (FPLS). Any substantial program revision, other than shifting from the 2005 FPLS to the 2011 FPLS, may be submitted at any time and will be reviewed using current approval standards. Revised approval standards for program implementation after June 30, 2015, will be provided at a future time.

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