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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Ron Nieto

DATE: September 20, 2013

SUBJECT: District Bandwidth Support

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Specific Appropriation 102A of Senate Bill 1500 provided for the acquisition of additional bandwidth capacity.

Funds in Specific Appropriation 102A are provided for the acquisition of additional bandwidth capacity as determined from the results of the 2012-2013 Department of Education Technology Resources Survey and needed to ensure that, in conjunction with their Federal e-rate funding, schools have adequate bandwidth capacity for the implementation and usage of instructional technology and the administration of online assessments. The additional bandwidth capacity may be procured from the Department of Management Services contract number DMS 08-09-061 or through any other e-rate compliant competitive procurement or service substitution process. The calculation of funds provided for the additional bandwidth capacity for the 2013-2014 fiscal year are incorporated by reference in Senate Bill 1502. The calculations are the basis for the funds provided in Specific Appropriation 102A.

To ensure schools have adequate bandwidth capacity for the implementation and usage of instructional technology and the administration of online assessments, the Florida Department of Education is asking districts to complete the following application http://www.fldoe.org/BII/Instruct_Tech/Planning/ to assist with funding for those schools in need of bandwidth support.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Ron Nieto at 850-245-9855 or email Ron.Nieto@fldoe.org.

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cc: School District Technology Officers