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TO: District Title I Coordinators

FROM: Angel Stanford

DATE: November 19, 2002

SUBJECT: 2002-2003 Monitoring Plans

As you are by now aware, the United States Department of Education (USDE) conducted an on-site monitoring visit of Florida Department of Education (FDOE) Title I, Programs in April 2002. You were provided a copy of the report from this visit in a document from Mr. Rony Joseph, the State Director for Title I Migrant Programs that was dated October 3, 2002. This correspondence is a follow-up to the comments and/or recommendations regarding on-site monitoring.

In response to these findings and other areas of concern surrounding federal program monitoring, the Department is redesigning the monitoring of all federal programs. The planning and development of the monitoring system will occur during the 2002-03 school year. As part of this process, representatives from the field will be invited to participate. As we work through the many issues involved in such a system, we will keep you informed about the plans and activities.

For the 2002-03 school year, we will continue to utilize the self-evaluation workpapers that districts and other local education agencies (LEAs) have used in the past. Every district and other LEA will be required to submit completed workpapers to the Bureau of Safe Schools and School Support. The completed work papers will be used to determine which districts will receive on-site visits.

Attached you will find a draft of the self-evaluation work papers. These work papers are being provided as a draft to allow you an opportunity to give us input into how this tool could be improved to provide the best method of evaluation at the district level. This is a very important part of the process because the on-site monitoring tools will be aligned with the self-evaluation workpapers. We are requesting that any suggestions be submitted no later than **December 20, 2002**. This will also enable district staff to meet

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the March 28, 2003 deadline that is required for submission of the completed workpapers. This will provide FDOE staff ample time to review and incorporate any changes prior to the first regional workshops that will occur beginning February 2003. Comments and suggestions should be returned to Florida Department of Education, Title I Migrant Programs, 325 West Gaines, Suite 306, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, Attention: Angel Stanford.

If I can provide additional, information or assistance please feel free to contact me at (850) 922-8952, or at angel.stanford@fldoe.org.

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