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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

DATE: January 13, 2017

SUBJECT: **Application Posted for the Private School Opportunity to Administer Florida Statewide Assessments in 2017-18**

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Beginning with the 2013-14 school year, any private school with at least one enrolled Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship student was eligible to apply to the Florida Department of Education to administer Florida statewide assessments (e.g., Florida Standards Assessments, Florida End-of-Course Assessments, Statewide Science Assessment) to all students at the private school, per s. 1002.395, Florida Statutes (F.S.). Beginning with the 2015-16 school year, private schools with at least one enrolled Gardiner Scholarship (formerly the Personal Learning Scholarship Account [PLSA]) student are also eligible to apply, per s. 1002.385, F.S. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that the application for private schools to administer Florida statewide assessments in 2017-18 is now available. The application window for participation in the 2017-18 assessment administrations is January 6–March 1, 2017. More details about this opportunity, including the application and a “Frequently Asked Questions for Districts” document, are provided at <http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/private-schools/>.

The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will inform private schools with eligible students of this opportunity. You are not responsible for contacting private schools, but we do ask for your cooperation with any private schools that contact the district to inquire about testing policies, requirements and training. If a private school in your district is approved to administer Florida statewide assessments in 2017-18, you will be notified by the department. The private school will be responsible for contacting your district assessment office to provide school assessment coordinator contact information and any other details required by the district to include the private school in the state assessment program.

At this time, please direct any questions to FLDOE.Assessment@fldoe.org. This program is being managed by the Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment and the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice.

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cc: School District Assessment Coordinators

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