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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

DATE: December 20, 2019

SUBJECT: **Application Posted for the Private School Opportunity to Administer Florida Statewide Assessments in 2020–21**

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In accordance with Florida statutes, any private school with at least one enrolled student receiving a [Florida Tax Credit \(FTC\) Scholarship](#), [Gardiner Scholarship](#), [Hope Scholarship](#) or [Family Empowerment Scholarship](#) is eligible to apply to the Florida Department of Education to administer Florida statewide assessments (e.g., FSA assessments, Florida End-of-Course [EOC] Assessments, Statewide Science Assessment) to all students at the private school. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that the application for private schools to administer Florida statewide assessments in 2020–21 is now available. The application window for participation in the 2020–21 assessment administrations begins January 1, 2020. Completed applications must be notarized and submitted to the department no later than **March 1, 2020**. 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 2020–21, 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 to get information about the required district training and any other details required by the district to include the private school in the state assessment program.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Assessment at Assessment@fldoe.org or (850) 245-0513.

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cc: School District Assessment Coordinators

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