MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

DATE: January 26, 2021

SUBJECT: Application Posted for the Private School Opportunity to Administer Florida Statewide Assessments in 2021–22

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, standardized assessments 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 during the 2021–22 school year is now available. Completed applications must be notarized and submitted to the department no later than March 1, 2021. 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 2021–22, your district 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 obtain 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