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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: May 14, 2010

SUBJECT: **FLORIDA'S TEACHER STANDARDS FOR ENGLISH SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)**

The Florida Department of Education is pleased to announce that Florida's Teacher Standards for the ESOL Endorsement were approved by the State Board of Education on March 26, 2010. The link to the standards is http://www.fldoe.org/aala/. District ESOL add-on endorsement plans must be implemented by September 2011. District staff responsible for ESOL professional development will be notified shortly.

In addition, pre-service teacher education programs must revise their ESOL requirements within each of their programs with the new standards to ensure they are implemented by September 2011. Each institution offering state-approved programs will be notified shortly about what the changes to the ESOL standards will entail for its programs.

Specific guidelines for program development and implementation will be provided, along with technical assistance at several planned conferences. The Department will notify all stakeholders of dates and times these events will take place.

Thank you for your continued support in promoting effective teacher training programs for ESOL instruction. If we may be of further assistance, or if you have questions regarding the specifics of the new ESOL standards, please contact Lori Rodriguez by phone at (850) 245-0417 or via email, lori.rodriguez@fldoe.org. If you have questions regarding program approval concerns for how these new ESOL standards will affect state-approved teacher education programs, please contact Genae Crump at (850) 245-0560 or genae.crump@fldoe.org.

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