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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: August 13, 2010

SUBJECT: 2010-2011 Controlled Open Enrollment Plans

Section 1002.31(2), Florida Statutes (Public school parental choice), requires each school district to develop a controlled open enrollment plan and submit the plan to the Commissioner of Education. Controlled open enrollment is the system by which school districts make student school assignments based on parents' preferential school choice as a significant factor. The controlled open enrollment program must be offered in addition to the existing choice programs such as magnet schools, alternative schools, special programs, advanced placement, and dual enrollment.

Planning for school choice requires each school district to develop a system of priorities that considers nine quality indicators as required by Florida law. These indicators provide a comprehensive framework for districts to use in determining the scope of the choice plan, laying a firm foundation for implementing the plan, and promoting optimal parental involvement. Considerations of each indicator will impact planning decisions.

In order to comply with section 1002.31(2), Florida Statutes, we ask that you complete the 2010 Controlled Open Enrollment online template located on the Department of Education's website. If your district choice plan is accessible online, please provide a direct link in the contact information section of this online template.

District controlled open enrollment plans should be submitted via the online system on the Department's website at http://www.fldoe.org/flbpso/ by 5:00 p.m., on Sept. 17, 2010**.** School choice empowers parents and gives them a tool to use in ensuring their children get the very best educational program. School choice programs in Florida are in high demand and

are growing as an increasing number of families take advantage of their right and responsibility to select the most appropriate learning option for their children. Thank you for your leadership and commitment to ensuring all students have opportunities to access the highest quality academic program and support services.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact the Bureau of Federal Educational Programs, Office of Public School Options, at (850) 245-0479.

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cc: Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction
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