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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: November 1, 2013

SUBJECT: 2013-14 Title I Comparability Report

Public Law 107-110, section 1120A(c) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) provides that a local educational agency (LEA) may receive Title I, Part A funds only if it uses state and local funds to provide services in Title I schools that, taken as a whole, are at least comparable to the services provided in schools that are not receiving Title I funds. If the LEA serves all of its schools with Title I funds, the LEA must use state and local funds to provide services that, taken as a whole, are substantially comparable in each Title I school.

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) requires LEAs demonstrate compliance with this requirement on an annual basis by submitting comparability calculations to FDOE. Each LEA must submit calculations for all schools, including charter schools, in the fall of each school year. All LEAs are required to submit the comparability report, including any LEA that may be exempt from the comparability requirements. Those LEAs that are required to submit source documentation to support comparability reports for the 2013-14 school year should refer to the attached document.

Each LEA must utilize FDOE's online Comparability Reporting System to submit their comparability report. The online reporting system is available at https://app1.fldoe.org/bsa/TitleIComparability/. Reports are due to the FDOE by December 16, 2013. The LEAs that identify non-comparable Title I schools must take corrective actions upon such determinations, and must institute the necessary changes to ensure that all Title I schools are comparable by the start of the second semester of the 2013-14 school year.

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If you have any questions, please contact Jessie Simmons at 850-245-0682 or via email at <u>Jessie.Simmons@fldoe.org</u>.

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Attachment

LEAs Required to Submit Documentation to Support 2013-14 Comparability Report