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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: May 2, 2014

SUBJECT: The Florida Online Course Catalog

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The 2013 legislature revised section 1002.321, Florida Statutes to require the Florida Department of Education to develop an online course catalog to include online courses offered by Florida school district virtual schools and programs, Florida Virtual School and department approved providers. Specifically, the following paragraph was added to this statute:

“(6) ONLINE CATALOG.—The department shall develop an online catalog of available digital learning courses provided pursuant to ss. [1002.37](#), [1002.45](#), [1003.498](#), and [1003.499](#), which provides, for each course, access to the course description, completion and passage rates and a method for student and teacher users to provide evaluative feedback.”

The department has completed phase one of the development of the online catalog and it is ready to launch. The department will set up accounts for all school districts so that they can manage their online courses included in the catalog. These accounts will allow districts to add, revise or delete their online courses and to set dates designating when to display the courses in the catalog. The administrative side of the catalog will open May 2014, giving districts some time to ensure the inclusion of their online courses before the catalog is launched for the public in July 2014. At that time, parents and students will have the opportunity to view the online courses offered via school districts (district and approved provider courses) and Florida Virtual School.

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To enable the department to set up district accounts for the online course catalog, we need a designated contact for each district. The attached document includes the latest virtual contact information the department has for each school district. Please email the Virtual Education Office at OnlineCatalog@fldoe.org by May 8 stating whether the contact information listed is correct or if you would like to update your district's information. If you would like to update your information, please provide the new contact's name, phone number, and email address.

A WebEx training date, user's guide and other information will be sent to the designated district contact.

Thank you for your assistance in launching Florida's new online course catalog. The catalog will provide an opportunity for you to showcase your online courses and at the same time provide important information to parents and students as they make their educational choices.

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Attachment