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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendent

FROM: Mary Laura Openshaw
Director, Just Read, Florida!

Jim Warford
Chancellor, K-12

RE: Tier 3 students

CS/SB 364 passed by the 2004 legislature requires that any retained third grade student who subsequently scores at Level 1 on the reading portion of the FCAT, and was retained, (Tier 3) must be progress monitored. Tier 3 student progress monitoring must follow Florida's Reading First model, which uses Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). The scores from these progress monitoring assessments are to be recorded through Florida's Progress Monitoring and Reporting Network (PMRN).

Every public elementary school in Florida that has a Tier 3 student must register to use the PMRN Tier 3 functions for recording and reporting DIBELS scores. The on-line registration form may be found at: http://www.fcrr.org/pmm/register_tier3.htm.

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The list of currently registered Tier 3 schools (<http://www.fcrr.org/pmrn/tier3/index.htm>) indicates that some schools may not have registered to meet this reporting requirement. Please review this list to ensure all appropriate schools in your district have registered. If there are schools within your district that have not enrolled, please have them do so as soon as possible. There is no cost for the use of the PMRN and the state is providing the DIBELS probes. Schools will administer DIBELS during the administrative window established by the Florida Department of Education. The administrative testing window will appear on the Tier 3 website after the school has registered as a Tier 3 school.

More detailed information about third grade reading promotion and retention, may be found at: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/commhome/progress/proghome.htm>

For the district administrative window or questions related to Florida's Progress Monitoring and Reporting Network, please contact the Support Specialists at the PMRN Help Desk.

850-644-0931 (Voice)
1-866-471-5019 (Toll Free)
284-0931 (Suncom)
850-644-9085 (Fax)
helpdesk@fcrr.org

For questions related to the READ Initiative and Intensive Acceleration Class, please contact:

Miranda Free
850-245-0503 (Voice)
205-0503 (Suncom)
miranda.free@fldoe.org

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Shan Goff
850-245-0509 (Voice)
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Thank you for your prompt response to this registration and request.

cc: Assistant Superintendents for Curriculum

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