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MEMORANDUM

To: District School Superintendents

From: Jim Warford

Date: February 13, 2004

Subject: **DRIVER LICENSE/SCHOOL ATTENDANCE PROGRAM REPORT
SECOND QUARTER REPORT 2003-2004**

Please find attached a copy of the report from the Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) for the second quarter of 2003-2004. This report now includes manual additions and deletions by department personnel. The names of students transmitted to the DHSMV will be mailed under separate cover to your district's Director of Student Services. Our staff reviewed the report and compiled the information into a state summary that reflects transactions processed for school districts from October 1, 2003, through December 31, 2003 (*Attachment 1*). This review also indicates the following districts did not transmit data for this quarter: Calhoun, Holmes, Liberty, Monroe, Walton, and Washington.

JIM WARFORD
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For the second quarter of school year 2003-2004:

- 3,093 students received Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges
- 3,635 Notices of Intent to Suspend Driving Privileges were deleted
- 10,729 Non-Licensed drivers received notices that they were not eligible to apply and receive driver's licenses
- 7,810 Non-Licensed/Non-Compliance Orders were deleted
- 2,586 Suspension Orders were issued
- 2,260 Suspension Orders were cleared or deleted
- 117 students who reinstated their driving privilege received 2nd suspension

The revised Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege, recently transmitted by DPS Memo 04-071, continues to direct school districts to transmit student data to DHSMV at least once a week. Districts reporting students as soon as they withdraw from school or accumulate 15 unexcused absences in 90 calendar days are more successful at retrieving dropouts and improving student attendance. Implementation of these requirements can improve district dropout and attendance rates.

The DHSMV forms, HSMV 72870 (Student Compliance with Attendance Requirements for Reinstatement of Driving Privilege/Eligibility for Licensure), and HSMV 72871 (Student Compliance with Enrollment Requirements for a Home Education Program), have been revised and are included as attachments in the Technical Assistance Paper. The revised forms are effective immediately. All schools and district home education offices must use the newly revised forms immediately. Previous reinstatement forms will no longer be accepted by the DHSMV. Also, please note that effective October 1, 2003, the driver license reinstatement fee has increased to \$35.00. This fee must be paid prior to the reinstatement of driving privileges.

If you have questions regarding your data, please contact Donald Klein, DHSMV, at (850) 488-3288. If you have questions concerning policies and procedures relating to the implementation of the driver license/school attendance program requirements, please refer to the Technical Assistance Paper on Implementation of Attendance Requirements for Minors to Maintain Their Driving Privilege or contact Rich Downs via email at rdowns@tempest.coedu.usf.edu or by telephone at (850) 922-3732 or SunCom 292-3732.

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Attachment

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