

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

T. WILLARD FAIR, *Chairman*

Members

PETER BOULWARE

AKSHAY DESAI

ROBERTO MARTÍNEZ

PHOEBE RAULERSON

KATHLEEN SHANAHAN

LINDA K. TAYLOR

Contact Information

Pam Stewart

850/245-0509

pam.stewart@fldoe.org

DPS: 2009-018

January 22, 2009

MEMORANDUM

TO: Presidents of Florida Institutions with Approved Teacher Preparation Programs
District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith

SUBJECT: Annual Report on Florida Teacher Preparation Programs

It is with pleasure that I provide you with the annual report on teacher preparation in Florida, *Teachers from Florida Teacher Preparation Programs*. This report provides information related to the effectiveness of the three types of approved teacher preparation programs in Florida: Initial Teacher Preparation Programs, Alternative Certification Programs delivered through Educator Preparation Institutes, and District Alternative Certification Programs (authorized under respective sections 1004.04, 1004.85, and 1012.56, Florida Statutes). You may view or print a copy of the report at <http://www.teachinflorida.com/Preparation/tabid/60/Default.aspx>

In accordance with requirements of section 1004.04, F.S., the examination of program effectiveness focuses on the professional experiences of individuals who are teaching the year immediately following completion of a Florida teacher preparation program through a survey of both the program completers and their employers. In addition, the report includes a comparison of demographic data from each program type, a review of literature on teacher preparation, and district and institutional information. The analysis results contain findings and recommendations, and provide suggestions for areas requiring more in-depth study.

Please do not hesitate to contact Pam Stewart if you have any questions or would like further discussion.

EJS:kh