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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Frances Haithcock, Chancellor, K-12 Public Schools

DATE: May 7, 2010

SUBJECT: **REVISION TO STATE BOARD RULE 6A-5.071**

The State Board of Education approved a revision to State Board Rule 6A-5.071, Master Inservice Plan Requirements, effective May 2, 2010, that incorporates Florida's Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol Standards 2010 into rule.

State law (F.S. 1012.98 – School Community Professional Development Act) establishes the requirement for a coordinated system of professional development statewide and charges the Department of Education with adopting a set of professional development standards, which are used to evaluate the quality of district professional development systems. The Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol Standards are a set of 65 standards containing an overall philosophy and approach to professional learning that is based on and drawn from requirements for professional development contained in s. 1012.98, F.S., as well as the National Staff Development Council's definition of professional learning and supporting research.

By June 2009, the Department concluded two cycles of reviews of all 67 school districts and four university developmental research schools using the first version of the Standards. The 2009-10 school year was devoted to a complete review and revision of the system in preparation for Third Cycle implementation. Attached is a document outlining the Professional Development Standards for educator, school, and district levels. The revised 2010 Standards documents and more information about the review process can be found at http://www.teachinflorida.com/ProtocolStandards.aspx.

Questions about Florida's Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol Standards may be directed to Ms. Abigail Letcher at Abigail.Letcher@fldoe.org or (850) 245-0548.