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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Pam Stewart

**DATE:** December 20, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Application Posted for the Private School Opportunity to Administer Florida Statewide Assessments in 2014–15**

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**DPS:** 2013-180

Beginning with the 2013–14 school year, any private school with at least one enrolled Florida Tax Credit (FTC) Scholarship student was eligible to apply to the Florida Department of Education to administer Florida statewide assessments (e.g., FCAT 2.0, Florida EOC Assessments) to all students at the private school, per section 1002.395, Florida Statutes. The purpose of this memorandum is to announce that the application for private schools to administer Florida statewide assessments in 2014–15 is now available. The application window for participation in the 2014–15 assessment administrations is January 2–March 1, 2014. More details about this opportunity, including the application and a Frequently Asked Questions for Districts document, are provided at <http://fcats.fldoe.org/eoc/PrivateSchoolOpportunity.asp>.

The Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice will inform private schools with eligible students of this opportunity. You are not responsible for contacting private schools, but we do ask for your cooperation with any private schools that contact the district to inquire about testing policies, requirements and training. If a private school in your district is approved to administer Florida statewide assessments in 2014–15, you will be notified by the department and that school will be responsible for contacting your district assessment office.

At this time, please direct any questions to [FLDOE.Assessment@fldoe.org](mailto:FLDOE.Assessment@fldoe.org). This program is being managed by both the Bureau of K-12 Student Assessment and the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice.

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cc: School District Assessment Coordinators