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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents, District School Report Contacts, MIS Directors and Coordinators of Accountability

FROM: Jane Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Commissioner

DATE: November 14, 2014

SUBJECT: Release of the 2013-14 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs)

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that school districts provide parents with an annual school status report, known as the School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs). To assist Florida school districts in preparing SPARs for their stakeholders, the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has posted these reports containing data for the required indicators as well as the Annual Measurable Objectives (AMO) on the Web at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>.

ESEA SPAR Indicators

The following list shows the indicators that are required for the annual public disclosure reports under ESEA provisions, as well as additional indicators providing data of interest on the status of Florida's public schools.

Indicators prepared by the FDOE:

- October Membership
- Kindergarten Readiness
- Federal Uniform Graduation Rate
- Five-year Graduation Rate
- High School Dropout Rate
- Postsecondary Follow-up Data (New Requirement)
- Student Test Results (FCAT 2.0, EOCs and FAA) for Reading, Math and Science
- National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) Scores at the State Level
- International Surveys (New Requirement)
- New Teachers and Staff

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- Teachers by Professional Degree Level
- Classes Taught by Teachers Teaching In-Field/Out-of-Field
- Classes Taught by Highly Qualified Teachers
- School Performance Grade
- Learning Gains for the Lowest 25% for Reading and Math
- Identified Schools for ESEA Flexibility (Focus and Priority)
- Reward Schools, 2012-13
- Annual Measurable Objectives

Distribution Requirements

To meet ESEA legislation requirements, school reports must be made available to the public. Should your district choose to mail paper reports to parents and guardians, your staff will need to print the reports directly from the Web.

The following recommendations are provided to assist districts with reducing distribution costs and staff resources:

- Send only a notification of the report's availability to parents or guardians of every student, indicating where and how they can view or obtain the report.
- Keep a printed copy of the report at each school and the district offices for viewing only.
- Send copies to parents, guardians or community members only upon request.
- Provide copies to public libraries or other public areas.
- Provide reports to local newspapers.

Thank you for your assistance in providing accurate and useful educational data to Florida's citizens.

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