

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Requested Reports, Updates, and Discussions
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SUBJECT: Voluntary Prekindergarten Education (VPK) Program – Kindergarten Screening/Assessment

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

n/a

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

n/a

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The 2004-05 school year is the third year that all school districts have used a uniform system for assessing readiness for kindergarten (referred to as the School Readiness Uniform Screening System (SRUSS)). This screening system consists of the administration of the Early Screening Inventory – Kindergarten (ESI-K) and the first two measures of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Literacy Skills (DIBELS), *Letter Naming* and *Initial Sounds Fluency*.

HB 1A, passed during the 2004 Special Session to implement the VPK Program, repealed section 1008.21, Florida Statutes, *Readiness uniform screening (kindergarten)* and created section 1002.69, Florida Statutes, *Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten readiness rates*.

This presentation will provide an overview of the purposes of assessment, the current kindergarten screening system and its results, and issues to be addressed to implement the new statutory requirements related to kindergarten screening and VPK.

Supporting Documentation Included:

- Section 1008.21, Florida Statutes, *Readiness uniform screening*.
- Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes, *Statewide kindergarten screening; kindergarten readiness rates*.
- March 24, 2005, Memorandum to School District Superintendents – 2004 Results of 2004 Administration – School Readiness Uniform Screening System (SRUSS)
- Florida Maps of School Districts at or Above the State Average for Students at High Risk on DIBELS measures

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