

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUBJECT: Strategy for Forming Partnerships for Effective Policy

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Since the passage of the A+ Plan, Florida's efforts have been focused on building a national model for systemic school reform based on a strong system of high standards and rigorous accountability. Our efforts are beginning to pay off—well documented by Florida's FCAT results and those of national assessments, as well as outside researchers. With Florida's system in place, and the national recognition we received through our implementation of NCLB, it is time to tell Florida's story and build on our reform efforts through strong partnerships.

Florida's strategy includes three priorities:

1. **Tell Florida's Story**—Highlighting the components of our system that truly make Florida unique, separating us from the rest of the nation.
2. **Build Research and Reform Partnerships**—Tying each request and relationship to specific Florida reform policies.
3. **Instill Data-Driven Policy-Making at all Levels**—Promoting the use of comprehensive data analysis in setting state and national policies.

These priorities will drive Florida's efforts to form partnerships with foundations, boards, organizations, and other entities that fund research and projects focused on educational reform.

Supporting Documentation Included: Available at the State Board Meeting

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