

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Requested Reports, Updates, and Discussions**  
June 21, 2005

**SUBJECT:** Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program Update: VPK Standards/Benchmarks and Presentation by a Local Coalition on Recruitment of Providers and Collaboration with School Districts and Status of

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

n/a

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

n/a

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

**VPK Standards/Benchmarks**

As required by Section 1002.67(1), Florida Statutes, *Performance standards; curricula and accountability*, and the Department of Education's Strategic Imperative #2, Set, Align, and Apply Academic Curricular and Testing Standards (Priority Project 2.5), on March 15, 2005, the State Board of Education approved child performance standards for the VPK program. The presentation will provide an update on the development of the benchmarks for the VPK standards.

**Coalition Presentation**

The planning estimate for the number of four-year-olds expected to participate in the first year of the state's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program has remained at 154,697 or 70 percent of the total number of four-year-olds. The presentation by Karen Willis, Executive Director, Early Learning Coalition of Seminole County, and Superintendent Bill Vogel, Seminole County, will provide information on efforts to recruit private providers to meet the community's projected need for VPK and collaboration with the local school district.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**

- Child Performance Standards Adopted by the State Board of Education, March 15, 2005 (<http://myfloridaeducation.com/earlylearning/pdf/performancestandardsba.pdf>)
- May 10-11, 2005, Panel of Experts (<http://myfloridaeducation.com/earlylearning/pdf/maypanelexpertsr.pdf>)
- Florida's Early Learning Standards for Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program: DRAFT Benchmarks, Feedback Form
- DRAFT Format for Standards Document

**Facilitators/Presenters:**

- Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, Department of Education
- Karen Willis, Executive Director, Early Learning Coalition of Seminole County
- Bill Vogel, Superintendent, Seminole County or Designee
- Gladys Wilson, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, Agency for Workforce Innovation