

# ASSISTANCE *plus*

**Statutory Authority 1008.33(2)**

- District Assurance of Compliance to ***Assistance Plus*** District Action Plans
- Approval of District Action Plans for F Schools

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# Governing Principles

- The District shall be held accountable for providing necessary resources to have all students performing at acceptable levels.
- The State shall provide expectations and necessary resources to enable districts to have all students performing at acceptable levels.
- The State Board of Education shall be prepared to take action in the event that districts are unsuccessful at having all students performing at acceptable levels.

# Assurances

100% of the 25 school districts with F and/or repeating F schools communicated in writing agreement to comply with Assistance Plus District Action Plan requirements for F and/or repeating F schools.

# Districts with F Schools (22)

## 60 Schools

- Alachua (1)
- Bay (1)
- Broward (9)
- Miami-Dade (12)
- Duval (2)
- Escambia (4)
- Hillsborough (3)
- Lake (1)
- Lee (1)
- Leon (1)
- Manatee (2)
- Okaloosa (1)
- Okeechobee (1)
- Orange (5)
- Osceola (1)
- Palm Beach (5)
- Pinellas (2)
- Polk (4)
- Putnam (1)
- Sarasota (1)
- Seminole (1)
- Walton (1)

# 2005 F School Characteristics

- 25 received status “P” in 2004
- 14 received status “S” in 2004
- 7 new to the system in 2005

Totaling 46 or 77% of the 60 schools were graded for the first time in 2005.

- 15 or 25% are Charter Public Schools and 12 of these were graded for the first time in 2005.

# 22 of 22 Districts in Compliance

- ✓ Quality Educators
- ✓ Targeted Funding
- ✓ Provision of Resources
- ✓ End of Social Promotion Policies
- ✓ Choice
- ✓ Student Success Plans
- ✓ School Improvement Plans
- ✓ District Assistance and Intervention Plans

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# Highlights

- Bay - New “No Social Promotion Policies” 8.302 and 8.105 in effect for current 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Miami-Dade, Palm Beach – Miami Edison and South Tech Charter both were successful in obtaining funding for planning of Career Academies
- Miami-Dade – Alternative Education Enhancement Committee, Student Personal Improvement Plans

# Highlights

- Lee – Funding per pupil was doubled for F Charter School
- Okeechobee – New Endeavor High School Principal, “This is the best thing that’s ever happened.”
- Pinellas – Proposed “No Social Promotion Policy” for current 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 8<sup>th</sup> graders
- Sarasota - Lap Tops for all Phoenix Academy students, paired with Professional Development
- Walton – New “No Social Promotion Policy” for current 7<sup>th</sup> graders

# Department Update

## *New 2005 Funded Resources to Date:*

- Mathematics Coaches and Test Item Bank - \$75,000 per school; total \$5,325,000
- FCIM Training - \$352,400
- Success Grants – two schools; \$479,000
- Comprehensive School Reform – three schools; \$333,000
- 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant – three schools; \$1,082,287
- Florida Learn & Serve – three schools; \$25,324

**So far: \$7,597,011**

# Department Update

## *New 2005 Resources and Services to Date:*

- Florida's Mentoring Partnership's – 14 Elementary Schools
- Reading Coaches – through reading FEFP
- 77 volunteer F school point persons from K-12 staff
- Higher performing, like demographic school matches for each school
- All schools visited

# In Conclusion

*The majority of these schools are new to our system and serve students districts have identified as “at-risk.” Without **Assistance Plus** the targeted services, resources, and certified educators you just heard about would not be accessible to these students.*