

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Requested Reports, Updates and Discussions
October 18, 2005

SUBJECT: Educator Preparation Institute Update (Community Colleges)

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1004.85(1)(2)(a)(b)(c)(d)(3)

- (1) As used in this section “educator preparation institute” (EPI) means an institute created by a postsecondary institution and approved by the Department of Education.
- (2) Approved EPIs may offer: professional development instruction, substitute teacher instruction, paraprofessional instruction and instruction for non-education baccalaureate degree holders to become certified teachers.
- (3) Approved EPIs may offer competency-based educator certification preparation programs previously approved by the Department of Education.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

In February 2005, the Office of Teacher Recruitment, Development and Retention issued guidelines for the development and implementation of Educator Preparation Institutes (EPIs) at accredited or approved postsecondary institutions. To date, 25 community colleges have submitted either initial and/or final program plans to the Department of Education for EPI approval and 11 have received full approval. Through their actions, the community colleges are demonstrating support for Strategic Imperative 1: “Increase the supply of highly effective teachers.”

Supporting Documentation Included: List of status of community college EPI approvals, including list of those awarded Succeed Florida funding for teacher education.

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