

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Update
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SUBJECT: Gubernatorial Task Force on University Campus Safety

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Information

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On April 30, 2007, Governor Crist signed Executive Order 07-77 establishing the Gubernatorial Task Force for University Campus Safety and Executive Order 07-78 establishing the structure for the Task Force. The Task Force was formed to improve communication and collaboration between education, mental health, law enforcement and emergency management agencies for the purpose of:

1. Identifying students who pose a risk; improving information sharing mental health and health professional and education and law enforcement within the parameters or applicable Federal law;
2. Identifying methods of notification during emergency situations on school campuses;
3. Identifying strategies for improving cross-agency communication;
4. Identifying necessary improvements for training of law enforcement officials and first responders to crisis situations.

The Gubernatorial Task Force for University Campus Safety held 6 meetings around the state in May 2007. The Commissioner of Education was invited to participate in the Task Force meetings and Chief of Staff Theresa Klebacha attended and participated in the meetings on her behalf. On May 24, 2007, the Task Force submitted their final recommendations to the Governor, based on the four areas outlined in Executive Order 07-77. The final report is available on the Department of Children and Families website at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/campusSecurity/>.

Although the focus of the Task Force was on university campus safety, the Community College System and Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) are taking an opportunity to look at their own campus safety policies and procedures this summer. The Community College Campus Security Summit will be held at St. Petersburg College EpiCenter on June 25-26, 2007. More information on this Summit is available at <http://www.spcollege.edu/central/security/index.html>. The FADSS Security Summit is being held on August 10, 2007 in Tampa.

Supporting Documentation Included: Executive Order 07-77, Executive Order 07-78

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