

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Items

August 14, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval Professional Practices Advisory Council Proposed Action Plan

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

1012.795 and 1012.796, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Professional Practices Advisory Council

In 2007, the Professional Practices advisory council was convened at the request of Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg to solicit input and suggestions from stakeholders to evaluate the process related to the regulatory investigation of educator/administrator misconduct in Florida. The advisory council is comprised of a variety of stakeholders and representatives, including individuals from the following Florida areas or organizations.

- Florida Department of Education
- Florida Education Association
- Superintendents
- District Administrators
- Elected School Board Membership
- Parent-Teacher Organizations
- School District Legal Counsel
- Florida Department of Law Enforcement
- Florida Department of Children and Families
- Florida Association of School Superintendents
- Florida Department of Education/Macy's Teacher of Year
- Florida School Boards Association

The council held two meetings prior to the State Board meeting and one after. The first meeting was held in Tallahassee on April 25, 2007, to brief the members on the purpose of the council. The council was presented with a proposed survey of states' processes, and feedback was elicited on the proposed survey, as well as other issues to consider. The

council made suggestions for revisions and additional questions. The survey was revised using the council's recommended changes and emailed to the group for final consensus.

The second meeting was held in Daytona Beach on May 18, 2007, to share the results of the survey and determine which best practices would be proposed to the State Board of Education for consideration.

At the June 19, 2007, State Board of Education meeting a Professional Practices Services workshop was held in Miami to share information on Florida's process, hear from national experts, present the best practices of other states, and review recommendations of the council. All suggested recommendations were proposed for State Board of Education consideration. The Board directed Department staff to return to the next meeting with a proposed action plan outlining implementation of the recommendations.

On July 24, 2007, the council met in Tallahassee to develop an action plan. The action plan presented herein reflects the consensus of the council for consideration by the State Board of Education. This evaluation resulted in the council's contention that Florida is a state that currently engages in the use of many procedures considered to be best practice. Through the participation and input of stakeholders, the council provided recommendations to make Florida's process even better, and will continue to provide valuable input on the process of regulatory review of educator/administrator misconduct.

Supporting Documentation Included: Professional Practices Advisory Council
Proposed Action Plan

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