

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Approval of Proposed New Rule 6A-1.099822, School Improvement Rating for Alternative Schools

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1008.34, 1008.341, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

As part of the A++ education reform, School Improvement Ratings for Alternative Schools (s. 1008.341, F.S.) passed during the 2006 Legislative Session. This law provides alternative schools the option of receiving a traditional school grade or a school improvement rating. If an alternative school chooses to receive a school improvement rating, the performance of the students at the alternative school will be included in the calculation of the rating and the school grade of the students' referring school. Since the passage of the legislation, the Department has provided alternative schools the option of a school grade or a "Points Only" designation. Full implementation of the law will replace the "Points Only" designation with the school improvement rating.

Rule development workshops were held in March, August, and September of 2007. The proposed rule language addresses many of the concerns that were raised by school districts; namely, the issues involved in crediting student performance back to another school (i.e., the referring school).

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed New Rule 6A-1.099822, School Improvement Rating for Alternative Schools and Section 1003.53, Florida Statutes.

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