

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

December 11, 2007

SUBJECT: Assistance Plus -- Update on Site-Based Literacy Support Services Provided by the Office of Just Read, Florida!

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Approval.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Just Read, Florida! provides services in addition to those offered by the Department's Assistance Plus Team through area coordinators from the Florida Literacy and Reading Excellence Center (FLaRE) and Reading First Professional Development (RFPD). These area coordinators are currently offering professional development services to all schools (K-12) graded "D" or "F" and schools with less than 40% of their students proficient in reading on the Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT). Sixty area coordinators from the two projects work with schools to create an individualized literacy professional development plan for the faculty. This systemic plan is created in partnership with the principal, reading coach, and reading leadership team at each school. The goal of each coordinator is to assist schools with the implementation of the K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan and the Reading First grant managed and approved by the Just Read, Florida! Office. The K-12 Reading Plan is a required element of the State Board Plan for repeating "F" schools. All coordinators work closely with the school improvement coordinators to support the work of Assistance Plus. The attached documents explain the levels of support offered to each school, as well as the number of schools in each district served in each level of support. The presentation will provide an overview of the levels of support, as well as how each school's level of support is determined.

Supporting Documentation Included: RFPD Service Levels, RFPD Site-Based Support School District Summary, FLARE Service Levels, and FLARE Site-Based Support School District Summary

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