

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Action Item

February 19, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Go Higher, Florida! Task Force Recommendations

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Sections 1001.01(2)(d) and 1001.02(2)(a), Florida Statutes (F.S.),

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The state of Florida has a proven record of attention to tracking and improving student performance outcomes, as well as articulation across the K-20 spectrum. Under the leadership of Governor Jeb Bush and the Florida Legislature, the “A+” and “A++” plans for improving the rigor and relevance of K-12 public education have resulted in improved student performance, and an improving high school graduation rate. In recognition of the need for continuing to strengthen the educational pipeline and to better prepare Florida’s students for postsecondary options including college and/or the workforce, the Go Higher, Florida! Task Force was created in January 2007, at the direction of Education Commissioner John Winn, and completed its work in October 2007 under the oversight of Commissioner Jeanine Blomberg.

Supporting Documentation Included: Final Report of the Go Higher, Florida! Task Force with Recommendations

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