

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
June 17, 2008

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-3.0291, Specifications for New School Buses

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1006.25, Florida Statutes

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 1006.25, Florida Statutes, and Rule 6A-3.0291, FAC., require that public school buses conform to the Florida School Bus Specifications applicable to the year the bus was manufactured or the previous year if specifications were not revised and approved for a given year. The proposed board action adopts revisions to the Specifications for 2008 based on adopted recommendations of the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation, whose members include transportation professionals from throughout the state. The proposed specifications will ensure continuing improvement in the safety of school buses, while lowering the cost of operation over the life cycle of the bus. The changes include improved equipment warranties, engine technology updates, provision for improved flooring materials, a master electrical circuit disconnect switch for fire protection, and increased manufacturing flexibility for wheelchair and occupant securement systems.

Florida School Bus Specifications were last revised in 2006. The 2008 revisions are necessary to ensure competitive availability of buses, while accommodating safety improvements and changing technology.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Proposed Rule 6A-3.0291, Specifications for New School Buses and 2008 School Bus Specifications

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