

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Consent Item**  
September 15, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Approval of Designation of Academically High Performing School Districts

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For Approval

**AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION**

Section 1003.621, Florida Statutes

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

Section 1003.621, Florida Statutes, requires that “each school district that satisfies the eligibility criteria in this subsection shall be designated by the State Board of Education as an academically high-performing school district.” Following 2009 school grade appeals, 21 school districts meet the eligibility criteria for designation as 2009-10 Academically High-Performing School Districts. These districts are: Bay, Brevard, Calhoun, Charlotte, Citrus, Clay, Flagler, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hillsborough, Indian River, Martin, Nassau, Okaloosa, Palm Beach, Pasco, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia, Wakulla, and Walton.

Of the 21 school districts meeting the eligibility criteria for 2009-10, 12 are maintaining their designation as academically high performing from 2008-09. Of these 12 school districts, six are in their fourth year of consecutive designation as academically high performing, two are in their third year, and three are in their second year of designation. Nine of the 21 school districts meeting the eligibility criteria in 2009-10 are in their first year of designation.

Three of the school districts designated academically high performing in 2008-09 did not maintain eligibility as a result of operating schools earning “F” grades in 2009. These school districts are Alachua, Leon, and St. Johns.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Academically High-Performing School Districts 2009-10 Eligibility Status and Section 1003.621, Florida Statutes

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