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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida Board of Education

FROM: William B. Proctor

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SUBJECT: Council for Education Policy, Research and Improvement Update

The next meeting of the Council for Policy, Research and Improvement will be held at the North Broward Preparatory School in Coconut Creek on May 6 –May 7, 2002.

USF Branch in Polk County – This report was adopted at the February meeting of the Council. Report recommends continuation of the joint-use concept (Polk Community College and USF) to serve the needs of Polk County. **This is noted due to the fact that both the University of South Florida and Polk Community College are reported to have plans to acquire separate sites and move off the joint campus in the future, although this year’s capital outlay list requests funding for an additional building on the joint campus.**

Instructional Resource Allocation and Productivity in the State Universities – A draft report has been submitted to the Council and is scheduled for final action at the May 7 Council meeting.

Student Progression Cohort Analysis – This is an ongoing study that longitudinally tracks the cohort of 1993-94 public high school graduates as they enroll in, progress through, and graduate from the state’s postsecondary education delivery system and enter the workforce. A progress report on the cohort’s outcomes seven years beyond high school graduation is due May 31 and will be presented at the May 7 Council meeting.

Postsecondary Research Centers and Institutes – This project will be discussed at the May 7 Council meeting. The goal of the project is to describe the activities of the centers and institutes located in Florida’s public universities, to analyze the benefits derived by the government and the

people of Florida from those activities, and to make recommendations for improving operations and maximizing the state's investment. This is a statutory responsibility of the Council and has a completion date of January 1, 2003.

Long Range Master Plan for Education – The strategic imperatives that were identified and submitted to the Florida Board of Education in December are the basis for this activity. At its March meeting, the Council identified three Committees: Teaching Profession, Governance and Structure, and Economic and Workforce Development, which have begun addressing these components of the Plan. The Teaching Professions Committee met April 9, 2002 in Tallahassee while the Workforce Development Committee met in Orlando April 11, 2002.