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**M E M O R A N D U M**

**TO:** Florida Board of Education

**FROM:** William B. Proctor 

**SUBJECT: Council for Education Policy Research, and Improvement Report to the Florida Board of Education**

The Council's committees on Workforce Education and the Teaching Profession held meetings during the past two weeks. They will meet again on September 18, 2002 in conjunction with the next meeting of the Council. The meeting will be held at the Seminole County School Board Office. I anticipate that these committees will have draft materials available for discussion by the Council in October.

The Council has completed brochures and analyses of the proposed education constitutional amendments. They are on the CEPRI web site.

Mr. Glenn Mayne, Chief Technology Coordinator for CEPRI, in an effort to assist Dr. Larry Wood in identifying ways to use FBOE funds without jeopardizing the receipt of federal E-rate funds, has completed a detailed analysis of the use of the Florida Information Resource Network and submitted the report to your staff.

CEPRI has received a grant from the Lumina Foundation and the Western Interstate Commission on Higher Education (one of six states funded nationally). The purpose of the project is to promote better alignment of state policies regarding postsecondary education funding, tuition and financial aid. Your staff has been involved with this project from its inception. On September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> a study consultant will be meeting with our staff and your staff and other data providers to build a comprehensive, historical inventory of financial aid activity in our state.

I have been invited to participate as a panelist at California's Fourteenth Annual Envisioning Conference: Moving California's Master Plan for Higher Education into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, September 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento, California. The meeting is held jointly between the higher education community and the California legislature.

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