

FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION
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SUBJECT: Presentation: Just Read, Florida!

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For information.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On January 8, 2002, President Bush signed the *No Child Left Behind Act of 2001*. This legislation provides the most sweeping reform of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act since it was enacted in 1965. The *Reading First* portion of this law is grounded in scientifically based reading research.

Florida will be awarded over \$45,000,000 annually for the next 6 years to implement research based materials and instruction, in eligible K-3 classrooms, and professional development for all K-3 teachers.

Just Read, Florida! is Governor Bush's statewide reading initiative that builds on Reading First and expands it to Florida's K-20 Education System. Statewide, systemic Professional Development, Reading Readiness and Family Literacy are all a part of *Just Read, Florida!*

Supporting Documentation Included: None

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