

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

February 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Update, No Child Left Behind

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

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AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

H.R. 1, "No Child Left Behind."

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

HR1 was passed by Congress in December, 2001, and signed into law by President Bush on January 7, 2002. The title of the Act is No Child Left Behind (NCLB). NCLB requires that each state submit and have approved a detailed plan for implementation of this law. The required plan is submitted through a 3-part process referred to as the Consolidated State Application. Release of funds for each state is dependent on approval of the state's plan.

Florida's first portion was submitted June 12, 2002, and included descriptions of state activities to implement key portions of NCLB, key programmatic requirements, and fiscal information. Florida's portion was submitted on time, approved, and generated the release of approximately \$800 million dollars in federal funding.

On January 31, 2003, Florida submitted its second portion, the Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook, to the U.S. Department of Education. This submission included Florida's:

- plan for a unified comprehensive system of accountability that includes every student and every school.
- definition of adequate yearly progress (AYP).
- plan for requiring all students to be proficient in reading/language arts and mathematics by the 2013-14 academic year.
- plan for ensuring accountability for all subgroups including economically disadvantaged, White, Black, Hispanic, Asian, American Indian, and limited English proficient students, and students with disabilities.
- plan for providing annual school, district, and state report cards.

Throughout the development of the state plan, there were two main goals: incorporate the requirements of NCLB into a comprehensive accountability system and serve as a national leader and source for best practices. Florida's submission reflects a comprehensive

accountability system that includes all of the required aspects of NCLB while complimenting current state assessment and accountability provisions. In addition, Florida's proposal includes several unique strategies that may serve as national models for the use of school and student-level data.

The final portion will be due in May, 2003, and will provide all revisions required by the U.S. Department of Education and the documentation of the state's policies, processes, and procedures.

John Winn, Deputy Commissioner, will present the major components of Florida's Accountability submission and discuss next steps.

Supporting Documentation Included: Florida's Consolidated State Application
Accountability Workbook

Facilitators/Presenters: John Winn, Deputy Secretary for Accountability, Research, and
Measurement