

## STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 21, 2003

**SUBJECT:** Implementation of Constitutional Amendment #8 – Voluntary Universal Pre-Kindergarten Education

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### **PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

For information.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

At the December 10, 2002 meeting of the Florida Board of Education, a review of the requirements of the Universal Pre-K amendment was given.

The School Readiness Partnership Board, chaired by David Lawrence, and many other groups have been meeting to develop guiding principles/position statements on the implementation of this amendment.

The Florida Senate has a Select Committee on Constitutional Amendment Implementation. On January 13<sup>th</sup>, this committee was scheduled to hear public testimony on the related implementation issues and specifically requested information regarding the efficacy of the local coalitions, the current local governance structure for school readiness programs.

Implementation issues that need to be addressed include:

- Administrative Placement (e.g., DOE, Office of the Governor, Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI))
- Infrastructure (e.g., the administration of birth– 4 year-old programs as part of or separate from Universal Pre-K, etc.)
- Governance (e.g., state and local levels and responsibilities)
- Funding (e.g., funding formula, etc.)
- Program Standards (e.g., length of day, qualifications of providers, location of services, curriculum, parental choice, etc.)
- Accountability (e.g., evaluation of effectiveness of programs, etc.)

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** None.

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