

**FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION
July 23-24, 2001**

SUBJECT: Guiding Principles for the Work Ahead

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

Discuss guidelines for staff to follow in meeting the statutory responsibilities of the Florida Board of Education. Guidelines for the development of a K-20 coordinated budget, for revising the Florida School Code and for reorganizing the Department of Education should be addressed.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

This agenda item will consist of three facilitated discussions

1. The Development of a Coordinated Budget – The Education budget recommendations to the Governor and Legislature has always been developed independently by the Department of Education, the Division of Community Colleges and the Board of Regents. Legislation now requires the Florida Board of Education to submit a coordinated budget for all delivery systems. The Budget submission is due on August 31, 2001. With guidance from the Board, the Secretary and Commissioner will propose a coordinated budget to the Board in its August meeting.
2. The revision of the Florida School Code – SB 1162 requires the Florida Board to recommend a new Florida School Code to the Legislature by January 2002. The presentation will outline the current content and structure of the school code and suggest an approach to making revisions
3. The reorganization of the Department of Education – The Secretary and Commissioner are required to begin the process of reorganizing the Florida Department of Education. SB 1162 has already made the Division of Community Colleges and the Division of Colleges and Universities a part of the department under the Florida Board. The presentation will review the current structure and the new organization anticipated in the legislation.

Each presentation will include background information and suggestions for proceeding. Board members will discuss options and provide guidance.

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Supporting Documentation Included: Presentation materials are included
Detailed materials to follow