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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members, Florida Board of Education

FROM: William B. Proctor

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Proctor".

SUBJECT: CEPRI Update

The Council's committees on Teaching Profession, Workforce and Economic Development, and Governance and Structure will continue to meet through the summer. Meeting places and times can be found on the CEPRI web site: <http://www.cepri.state.fl.us>.

The Council is developing information summaries and a short "at a glance type" brochure on each of the proposed constitutional amendments. As each of these is completed, it will be posted on our web site.

Chairman Phil Morgaman, at the request of the Council, is sending a letter to the chairs of the boards of trustees of the public colleges and universities asking that they voluntarily begin work on implementing the following recommendation of the Council:

The boards of trustees of all community colleges and universities in a region should jointly conduct a baccalaureate degree needs analysis. The needs analysis and plan to address identified needs should be submitted to the Florida Board of Education, with copies sent to the Council for Education Policy, Research and Improvement, by December 31, 2002. The needs analysis and plan should involve representation from the business community, workforce boards, chambers of commerce, economic development council and independent colleges and universities.

The Lumina Foundation, through the Western Interstate Compact for Higher Education, has awarded Florida - CEPRI - a grant to participate in their project dealing "**Changing Direction: Integrating Higher Education Financial Aid and Financing Policy.**" We are one of five states selected based on the well recognized history of PEPC/CEPRI working on financial aid and tuition policies. The staff of the FBOE staff was notified of our application and asked for input. We look forward to working with the FBOE on this project.

The next meeting of the Council is scheduled as a conference call on July 10, 2002.

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