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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Members, State Board of Education

**FROM:** William B. Proctor

Following is a summary of the Council's planned activities for the 2003 -2004 fiscal year:

**Planning Initiatives**

**Timeline**

**Staff**

**New initiatives**

**Funding for Education**

**November 2003**

**Dr. McKee**

The outcome of this initiative will be the development of an effective approach to funding K-20; one that will result in the achievement of the overall vision for education in Florida. This activity will also include a study of university contracts assigned by the Legislature (see attachment 1) and a study of workforce funding requested by the President of the Senate (see attachment 2).

**Leadership**

**November 2003**

**Dr. Wiegman**

This area of inquiry will examine policy options for ensuring quality public school leadership in a K-20 education system. The study will focus on the leadership role of district school boards and school superintendents in implementing education reform, the impact of Florida's Sunshine Law on school leader selection, and the leadership implications of school district size.

**Partnerships/Collaboration**

**November 2003**

**Dr. Dallet**

This initiative will investigate the business/citizen/education alliances that have been established in other states and countries to implement and sustain educational reform. The Council will make recommendations concerning the establishment of such alliances in our state.

**Early Learning**

**May 2004**

**Dr. Rabby**

This initiative will provide strategies and plans for ensuring that Florida's preK-4 students are guaranteed a highly effective, early learning, educational experience that will ensure achievement of

“on-grade” reading and other basic academic skills by the third grade.

### **Ongoing Initiatives**

#### **The Teaching Profession**

**May 2004**

**Dr. Rogers**

The Council issued a comprehensive report in March 2003. The report identified issues and made recommendations. The Council will continue to assess this critical area.

#### **Career Education**

**May 2004**

**Ms. Goodman**

The Council has devoted a significant amount of time into researching the best practices, nationally and internationally, of career education. The Council will identify issues and make recommendations concerning increasing participation in and improving the quality of career education programs.

### **Statutory Responsibilities**

#### **State Report Card**

**TBA**

**Dr. Dallet**

See attachment 3 for the statutory reference assigning this activity to the Council. This activity is being coordinated with the State Board of Education staff.

#### **Community College Baccalaureate Degree Reviews**

**October 2003**

**Dr. Melear**

### **Continuing Projects**

#### **Cohort Study**

**May 2003**

**Ms. Goodman**

Staff will continue to update and analyze data on the 1993 -1994 cohort of high school graduates.

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