

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2003

SUBJECT: FACTS.org – Statewide Student Advising System

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

None – For Information

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1007.28, Florida Statutes

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Section 1007.28 F.S. requires the “State Board of Education to establish and maintain a statewide computer-assisted student advising system.” The Florida Academic Counseling and Tracking for Students (FACTS.org) was created to meet the requirements of the legislation.

Last year, the State Board received an overview of the FACTS system. This year, FACTS will be demonstrating the High School Academic Evaluation (HSAE), which expands the services and functions of FACTS to high school students. The HSAE will allow high school students to create a login and password that will give them access to a program that compares their actual transcript with the eligibility requirements for Bright Futures and the course admissions requirement for the State University System. The intent of this function is to empower parents and students with the information they need to make sound decisions on how the courses they take in high school will impact their eligibility for scholarships and for entry into postsecondary college or university studies.

Connie Graunke, Executive Director for the Florida Center for Advising and Academic Support, along with Kay Noble, the Polk County District Guidance Counselor Supervisor, will present a demonstration of the High School Academic Evaluation component of the system and discuss the efforts being taken to market the system to the public.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Facilitators/Presenters: Connie Graunke
Kay Noble, Polk County