

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 18, 2003

SUBJECT: Just Read, Florida! -- Showcasing a Principal.

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

This is an update.

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

N/A

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Oakridge Elementary School in Leon County has a true instructional leader at its helm. Mrs. Hodgetta Huckaby has taught kindergarten through third grade, and is at her first year as principal. Certified in reading, elementary education, and with a masters in Educational Leadership from Florida A&M University, Mrs. Huckaby is a model principal.

Mrs. Huckaby joined Governor Bush and Commissioner Horne in September of 2002, at the release of data showing rising student achievement in reading of both African-American and Hispanic students. She also was a member of a panel that presented to the Governor's 2002 Reading Transition Team. Believing in high expectations for every students, and that all children can learn, Mrs. Huckaby has made a difference in Leon County, and has been a great resource for the Just Read, Florida! Office.

Supporting Documentation Included:

Facilitators/Presenters: Mrs. Hodgetta Huckaby, Principal, Oakridge Elementary School