

**FLORIDA BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
November 19 - 20, 2001

**SUBJECT:** Florida Education Fund Appointment

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**PROPOSED BOARD ACTION**

Approval item: It's recommended that the Florida Board of Education consider reappointment of Ms. Demoris Rhodes to the Board of Directors of the Florida Education Fund.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

Section 240.498, F.S., creates the Florida Education Fund. The purpose of this fund is set out in Section 240.498(2)(a),(3), F.S.:

(2)(a) The Florida Education Fund, a not-for-profit statutory corporation, is created from a challenge endowment grant from the McKnight Foundation and operates on income derived from the investment of endowment gifts and other gifts as provided by state statute and appropriate matching funds as provided by the state.

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(3) The Florida Education Fund shall use the income of the fund to provide for programs which seek to:

- (a) Enhance the quality of higher educational opportunity in this state;
- (b) Enhance equality by providing access to effective higher education programs by minority and economically deprived individuals in this state, with particular consideration to be given to the needs of both blacks and women; and
- (c) Increase the representation of minorities in faculty and administrative positions in higher education in this state and to provide more highly educated minority leadership in business and professional enterprises in this state.

Section 240.498(4), F.S., provides for appointments to the Board of Directors of the Fund. By virtue of the type two transfer, appointments of representatives of the Florida Community College System are the responsibility of the Florida Board of Education. The term of appointment of Ms. Demoris Rhodes expired on June 30, 2001. Dr. Lawrence Morehouse, President & CEO of the Florida Education Fund, recommends the reappointment of Ms. Rhodes. He notes that her guidance, service and commitment to the mission of the Florida Education Fund have been invaluable.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:** Letter requesting that Ms. Demoris Rhodes be reappointed.

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