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MEMORANDUM

TO: Selected District School Superintendents and Local Educational Agency Heads

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: August 28, 2007

SUBJECT: SANCTIONS FOR DISTRICTS IN CORRECTIVE ACTION

As you are aware, Section 1116(c)(10)(C) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110), requires the state education agency to take at least one of a set of actions listed in the law for any local educational agency identified for corrective action. The Florida Department of Education, with approval by the State Board of Education, chose to implement the first of these options in the 2006-2007 school year, and will continue this practice for the 2007-2008 school year.

That option is "(i) Deferring programmatic funds or reducing administrative funds." The state has determined that the most appropriate action at this time is to reduce administrative funds and is implementing this action by placing a cap on the amount of indirect costs that can be charged to the Title I, Part A, project for 2007-2008.

The cap on each district's indirect funds is determined by applying the percentage of adequate yearly progress (AYP) criteria met to the district's approved indirect cost rate. The resulting percentage is applied as an indirect cost cap to be applied to the Title I, Part A, project. For example; if the district met 85 percent of possible AYP criteria, and the approved indirect cost rate for that district is 4.5 percent, the cap on indirect cost which can be charged to the project is 3.825 percent.

Attached is a spreadsheet prepared by the Bureau of Contracts, Grants and Procurement that specifies the calculations applied to the Title I, Part A, project for each district and local educational agency.

The column labeled "AYP Sanction" specifies the amount of funding which must be moved from administrative use to activities that are specifically designed to address the areas in which the district did not make AYP. The attached review sheet should assist in determining appropriate activities.

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These funds have already been subtracted from the Title I, Part A, award. They will be awarded in a separate Title I, Part A, "corrective action award." In order to receive these funds, the district or local educational agency must complete and submit the following:

- A description of the activities to be funded with this corrective action award. Please limit submissions to no more than five pages. Descriptions must include the names of each Title I school to be impacted, the target subgroups, the activities to be conducted, and an explanation of how the district expects to achieve AYP using these and other available resources;
- A project amendment form (DOE 150); and
- A project budget (DOE 101) for the corrective action award, completed in accordance with the instructions provided.

Please mail documents to:

Office of Grants Management
Unit A
Room 332
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

These documents must be submitted no later than September 28; earlier submissions are welcome. Questions may be directed to the Title I, Part A, regional specialists or to Lisa Bacen, Title I Director, at (850) 245-0709 or Lisa.Bacen@fldoe.org.

Thank you for all your work on behalf of Florida's children.

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Attachments: Review sheet
Allocation spreadsheet

cc: Title I Director
Finance Director