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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
District HRMD Directors
Deans and Directors of Colleges of Education

FROM: David C. Ashburn

Date: September 10, 2001

SUBJECT: Principal Certification

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of the appropriate credentials for certifying principal candidates. As was indicated in DPE memorandum 01-12, HRMD Update, dated December 13, 2000, certification coverages for principal positions have changed. As of July 1, 2001, Educational Leadership certification has been added to the Administrative, Curricular and Service Assignments Section of the Course Code Directory; no previous certifications have been removed. As a result of this change in the Course Code Directory, Educational Leadership certification is now appropriate to qualify a person as a candidate for the principal position. Prior to July 1, 2001, Level II School Principal Certification was the required certification for serving as a school principal. This change will provide flexibility for recruitment of principals.

This memorandum will be available at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00061/home0061.htm>. If you have questions regarding this memorandum, please contact Jane Granger in the Bureau of Educator Recruitment and Professional Development as detailed above.

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