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MEMORANDUM #06-16

TO: District Coordinators of Assessment

FROM: Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning

SUBJECT: Participation of Virtual School Students in the Fall 2006
Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS)

This memorandum is to inform you of kindergarten students who are enrolled in The K-8 Florida Virtual School and reside in your district. Because the kindergarten screening must be administered to these students in their local districts, the Office of Early Learning has established procedures to ensure that the administration and scoring process is completed.

The Florida Virtual School Program has two academies: Florida Connections Academy-District (78-0700) and the Florida Virtual Academy – District (79-0801). The School Coordinator for Connections Academy is Tom Herdtner. He may be reached at (407) 857-6588 ext. 300. The School Coordinator for the Florida Virtual Academy is Kathy Levine. She may be reached at (904) 721-0035. The appropriate coordinator will be contacting your office by August 21, 2006, to provide you with the information listed below for each student residing in your district and to make arrangements for these students to be screened with the first two measures of the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills™ (DIBELS™). Attached is a list that indicates by school how many students reside in each district. If you have virtual students listed in your district, you can anticipate being contacted by the Virtual School Coordinator and provided with the information listed below on those students.

SHAN GOFF
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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- 1) Student Name
- 2) Student Identification Number
- 3) Virtual School District and Code
- 4) Student Home Address
- 5) Student Phone Number
- 6) Race
- 7) Gender
- 8) Birthdate

District Coordinators of Assessment should work with the Virtual School Coordinators so that these students receive screening opportunities at their local public schools. Please return the completed scannable response sheets (with the appropriate district and school code data indicated) to the FLKRS Coordinator via secure mail at the address listed below. Shipping labels for this shipment will be sent to you upon request. The Department will then forward the scannable response sheets to Harcourt Assessment Inc. for scoring and reporting. The FLKRS results for virtual school students will be forwarded to the Virtual School Coordinators.

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Attachment

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