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## **MEMORANDUM# 07-23**

**TO:** District Prekindergarten Coordinators  
District Finance Officers

**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning  
Linda Champion, Deputy Commissioner, Finance and Operations

**SUBJECT:** Minimum Funding Level Adjustments to School District Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Programs

The laws implementing the VPK program provide a minimum funding level for school district Summer Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education programs. Specifically, section 1002.71(3)(d), Florida Statutes, states, "For programs offered by school districts pursuant to s. 1002.61, each district's funding shall be based on a full-time equivalent student enrollment that is evenly divisible by 10. If the result of dividing a district's full-time equivalent student enrollment by 10 is not a whole number, the district's enrollment calculation shall be adjusted by adding the minimum number of full-time equivalent students to produce a full-time equivalent student enrollment calculation that is evenly divisible by 10."

The Department of Education (DOE) and the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) worked collaboratively to refine the methodology for this minimum funding for the 2005-06 Summer VPK Program (July and August 2006 payments). The revised methodology funds the "adjusted FTE" (to provide a FTE enrollment calculation that is evenly divisible by 10) at a full FTE for the 300-hour summer program rather than the average daily attendance rate. As a result of this change, most districts that provided Summer VPK in July and/or August of 2006 will receive additional dollars. Attached is a spreadsheet detailing these adjustments. Please note that as a result of this recalculation, there were some instances in which adjustments were made to correct identified discrepancies.

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For 2006-07 school district Summer VPK programs (June, July, and August 2007), this calculation will occur monthly. At the conclusion of the summer program, along with provider verification, AWI/OEL will calculate the "adjusted FTE" for each district. It is anticipated that all adjustments will be made from the current fiscal year for the entire summer program so that any adjustments being made to summer VPK services delivered between May and August 2007 will be made with fiscal year 2007-2008 VPK funds.

If you have questions related to your district's adjustment, please contact Stephanie Gehres with the Agency for Workforce Innovation (AWI) at (850) 921-3177.

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Attachment

cc: Stephanie Gehres  
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