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March 14, 2008

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## **MEMORANDUM #08-06**

**TO:** District Assessment Coordinators  
Assistant Superintendents for Curriculum and Instruction

**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning  
Cornelia S. Orr, Administrator, Office of Assessment

**SUBJECT:** 2008-09 Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) - Regional Training Meetings

We are pleased to provide information on the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) consistent with the Department of Education's (DOE's) strategic imperative to improve student rates of learning. Section 1002.69, Florida Statutes (F.S.), requires the DOE to adopt a statewide kindergarten screening that assesses the readiness of each student for kindergarten based upon the adopted Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education performance standards and requires each school district to administer the statewide screening to each kindergarten student in the school district within the first 30 days of each school year.

FLKRS includes a subset of the *Early Childhood Observation System (ECHOS)*, which is an observational instrument that is used to monitor the skills, knowledge, and behaviors a student demonstrates or needs to develop, and two probes of the *Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS)*, Letter Naming Fluency and Initial Sound Fluency.

School districts will be able to order the instrument through the *Harcourt Spectrum* system from March 17 to April 18. Detailed information regarding ordering will be disseminated to assessment coordinators within the next two weeks. A series of eight Regional Update Meetings to provide district staff with guidance and new information regarding the administration of FLKRS has been scheduled. **Attachment A** provides information regarding meeting dates and locations.

It is recommended that these meetings be attended by the District Coordinator of Assessment or his/her designee, a representative of elementary curriculum and instruction, and an individual assuming primary responsibility for the organization of FLKRS training in the district. The meetings are not intended for individual public or non-public school teachers who will be administering the FLKRS instruments, but for district staff who will be responsible for communicating changes in district assessment procedures and practices.

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Please submit the names and contact information for the individuals attending the training. We request that the District Coordinator of Assessment coordinate the district's response by completing **Attachment B**, the registration form to be used to reserve space at one of the meetings. Our office must receive this form no later than the close of business **April 11, 2008**. Please send the above requested information to the attention of Debra Betton via e-mail at [Debra.Betton@fldoe.org](mailto:Debra.Betton@fldoe.org) or by fax to (850) 245-5105.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Office of Early Learning at (850) 245-0445, SunCom 205-0445, or via email at [earlylearning@fldoe.org](mailto:earlylearning@fldoe.org).

SG/CO/cc

Attachments (2)

cc: District School Superintendents  
District Prekindergarten Program Contacts

**Attachment A**  
**Kindergarten Readiness Screener**  
**Training Schedule**  
**Spring 2008**

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>ADDRESS</b>
Monday April 28, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	PAEC Large Meeting Room	753 West Blvd Chipley, FL 32428 (850) 638-6131, ext. 2303 Frances Rogers
Tuesday April 29, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	Department of Education Office of Early Learning Turlington Bldg. Room 1703	325 W. Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399 (850) 245-0445 Debra Betton
Wednesday April 30, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	Professional Development Center H C Long Building	23 S. Green Street Green Cove Springs (904) 272-8100, ext. 2635 Margaret Lawshe
Thursday May 1, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	Administration Building Board Room	817 Bill Beck Blvd Kissimmee, FL 34744 (407) 518-2902 Mereida Gonzalez
Monday May 5, 2008	1:00 to 4:00	Aparicio-Levy Technical Center	10119 E. Elliott St. Tampa, FL 33610 (813) 740-4884 Jennifer Bullis
Tuesday May 6, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	Lakes Regional Library Meeting Room	15290 Bass Road Ft. Myers, FL 33919 (239) 533-4000 Jean Smith
Monday May 12, 2008	1:00 to 4:00	United Way Center for Excellence	3250 SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ave Miami, FL 33129 (305) 631-7600 Yusnelli Martinez
Tuesday May 13, 2008	9:00 to 12:00	Safe Schools Institute	1790 N.W. Spanish River Blvd Boca Raton, FL 33431 (561) 982-0901 Sherry Hayes

DOE Contact: [debra.betton@fldoe.org](mailto:debra.betton@fldoe.org)  
Office of Early Learning (850) 245-0445

**CORRECTED**

**Attachment B  
Registration Form  
FLKRS  
Training Meeting  
Spring 2008**

Please complete this form and return to Debra Betton via email at [Debra.Betton@fldoe.org](mailto:Debra.Betton@fldoe.org) or by fax to (850) 245-5105. If you have questions regarding this form, please call Debra Betton at (850) 245-0914.

**DEADLINE: Friday, April 11, 2008**

**DISTRICT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the box next to the location for the training your district will attend.

<b>LOCATION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Chipley	04/28/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Tallahassee	04/29/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Green Cove Springs	04/30/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Kissimmee	05/01/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Tampa	05/05/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Ft. Myers	05/06/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Miami	05/12/08
<input type="checkbox"/> Boca Raton	05/13/08

Please enter the name, telephone, and email address of the individual(s) attending.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>OFFICE TELEPHONE</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
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10. _____	_____	_____

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_