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### **MEMORANDUM #09-18**

**TO:** Interested Persons

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

**SUBJECT:** 2007-08 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Data Book

Consistent with our goal to provide leadership and support to administer Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education program, we are pleased to provide detailed statistical information regarding the 2007-08 VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rates.

To access this information go to: <http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/account.asp>. The site has summary data by district and coalition, including the number of providers by provider and program type; student demographic data, English language learners, children who qualify for free or reduced lunch and students with disabilities, by provider type, program type and provider quartile.

The Florida Department of Education/State Board of Education is required to calculate a kindergarten readiness rate every year for each private or public school VPK provider of either the school-year (540-hour) or summer (300-hour) program. The VPK Provider Kindergarten Readiness Rate measures how well a VPK provider prepares four-year-olds to be ready for kindergarten based upon Florida's VPK Education Standards. The results of the [Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener](#) (FLKRS) are used to calculate a provider's rate. The site also has information from the January 21, 2009 State Board of Education meeting that set the minimum readiness rate for 2007-08.

For more information, please feel free to contact the Office of Early Learning at 1-866-447-1159 or via email, [earlylearning@fldoe.org](mailto:earlylearning@fldoe.org).

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