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MEMORANDUM # 07-10

TO: Publishers of Comprehensive Curricula for Prekindergarten Programs

FROM: Jeanine Blomberg, Commissioner of Education

SUBJECT: Timelines for the 2007 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program Curriculum Approval Process

The Florida Department of Education is pleased to provide you with the timelines and activities related to the approval of VPK curricula. The legislation implementing Florida's VPK program requires the DOE to review and approve curricula for use by VPK providers who are placed on probation and maintain a list of such curricula (for more information about this requirement, go to: [Curriculum Approval Process](#)).

For the purposes of this approval process, the State Board of Education (SBOE) defined a curriculum as a set of written materials that

- is replicable
- addresses the use of materials, scheduling, arranging the environment, and interaction between children and adults, either separately or in combination
- includes more than activity suggestions and more than theory and pedagogy
- is aligned with the VPK Education Standards
- is aligned with scientifically-based research.

Only comprehensive curricula will be considered in this approval process. In order to be considered comprehensive, the materials submitted must "stand alone" and address the VPK Education Standards in all seven domains. If ancillary or supplemental materials are required in order for a given curriculum to be considered comprehensive, those additional materials must be submitted with the basic curriculum as a packaged set (i.e., "curriculum package") and must be made available to providers as a complete curriculum at a set price.

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As indicated in the attachment, information about the process, including policies and procedures, specifications, and deadlines, will be published in the Florida Administrative Weekly and posted on the DOE/OEL website at www.myfloridaeducation.com/earlylearning.

Questions related to this announcement may be directed to Kim Komisar, Director, Program Standards and Professional Development, or Tara Huls, Program Specialist, at (850) 245-0445 or via email at Kim.Komisar@fldoe.org or Tara.Huls@fldoe.org.

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