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MEMORANDUM #06-13

TO: Executive Directors, Early Learning Coalitions
Interested Parties

FROM: Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning
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SUBJECT: Adoption of Rule 6A-6.040, Florida Administrative Code (FAC), *Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Endorsement for Private Providers*

We are pleased to announce that on June 20, 2006, the Florida State Board of Education approved Rule 6A-6.040, FAC, *Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Endorsement for Private Providers*, with an effective date of December 31, 2006. This rule was developed in accordance with section 1002.57(1), Florida Statutes, which required DOE to adopt minimum standards for a credential for prekindergarten directors of private prekindergarten providers (including religious exempt, family child care homes, and non-public schools) delivering the VPK Education Program.

This new credential builds upon the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCF's) child care facility director credential and is consistent with the Department of Education's (DOE's) strategic imperative to improve the quality of instructional leadership and student rates of learning. It was developed through collaborative efforts involving the DOE, DCF, the Agency for Workforce Innovation, and other experts in the field.

The attached technical assistance paper (TAP), *Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Director Endorsement for Private Providers* (TAP #06-05) and the brochure provide information on the implementation and the requirements of the new VPK Director Endorsement. The text of the rule, the TAP, and the brochure are available via the DOE/OEL website at <http://myfloridaeducation.com/earlylearning/vpkdc.html> and DCF's Child Care website at <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/childcare/>.

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