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MEMORANDUM #09-09

TO: District Prekindergarten Contacts
District Finance Officers

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

SUBJECT: 2008-09 Minimum Funding Level for School District 2009 Summer VPK Programs

As indicated in the Department of Education's February 6, 2009 Memorandum, which provided a summary of Senate Bill 6-A, the Education Conforming Bill passed during the 2009A Special Session, the Base Student Allocation for the 2008-09 VPK school year and summer programs changed to \$2,575 and \$2,190, respectively. However, please note that the teacher: pupil ratio for the VPK summer program also changed from 1:10 to 1:12. Therefore, a summer VPK classroom can generate the same funding as in 2007-08.

As you plan for district 2009 summer VPK Programs, please note that [Senate Bill 6-A](#), also revised the minimum summer VPK funding level. Specifically, section 1002.71(3)(d), Florida Statutes, was revised to state, "For programs offered by school districts pursuant to s. 1002.61, and beginning with the 2009 summer program, each district's funding shall be based on a full-time equivalent student enrollment that is evenly divisible by 12. If the result of dividing a district's full-time equivalent student enrollment by 12 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 12."

If you have questions, please contact the Office of Early Learning at (850) 245-0445.

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