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Please Note: The final presentation will be available on the Department's website on or before May 31, 2006

Just Read, Florida! and Florida Center for Reading Research

- Created in statute
 - Just Read, Florida! at DOE
 - Florida Center for Reading Research at FSU
- Technical assistance on research-based reading instruction to school districts, schools, teachers, principals, reading coaches, parents
- Work with teacher preparation programs to ensure alignment

FEFP READING ALLOCATION

- \$111,800,000 statewide
 - Base student allocation
 - \$50,000 minimum to each district
- Plans due to Just Read, Florida! 5/1/06
- Establishes an appeals process to State Board of Education
- Funding for approved plans flows 7/1/06
- JRF will monitor implementation of plans -- funds may be withheld if not being used to implement plan

K12 Comprehensive Reading Plans

- Emphasis is on serving Level 1 and 2 Readers
 - Level 1 in an intensive reading course
 - Level 2 in either an intensive reading course or content area course with reading endorsed teacher
- Reading coaches
- Systemic approach K-12
- Districts did not have to submit new plan – just tweak the current approved one.

Professional Development

- Establish through rule a content-area specific reading endorsement (F.S.1001.3)
 - For part and full time non-degreed career education teachers
- Create a content-area professional development package (F.S.1003.413)
 - Based on Reading Endorsement
 - Stakeholder workgroup
 - Available for 2006-07 school year, at no cost to teachers