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MEMORANDUM

TO: FCS Presidents

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda 

DATE: June 2, 2020

SUBJECT: Update on Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code,
Civic Literacy Competency

On May 13, 2020, the State Board of Education approved revisions to Rule 6A-10.02413, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), Civic Literacy Competency. This amendment provides Florida College System (FCS) institutions with an additional option that students may use to demonstrate civic literacy competency—the Florida Civic Literacy Test.

Subsequently, the Florida Department of Education (department) received a rule challenge. A copy of the Petition for Administrative Determination of Invalidity of Proposed Amendment to Rule 6A-10.02413, F.A.C., is attached for your reference. Effective immediately, the department is ceasing implementation of the Florida Civic Literacy Test until this matter is resolved.

Please note this petition does not invalidate the existing rule. Students may continue to demonstrate civic literacy competency through the successful completion of a course (POSX041 American Government or AMHX020 Introductory Survey Since 1877) or by achieving a passing score on the assessments identified in the rule: AP Government and Politics: United States; AP United States History; or CLEP: American Government.

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The Division of Florida Colleges will notify institutional representatives once this matter is resolved. Please contact me or Dr. Carrie Henderson, Executive Vice Chancellor, at Carrie.Henderson@fldoe.org for questions regarding the rule.

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