Florida Department of Education
Legislative Update & Initiatives

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Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development & Retention
Greetings ...
Legislative Updates ...
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- Senate Bill 6 (Teacher Quality Bill) – **Vetoed**
  - Performance Appraisal tied to compensation
  - Eliminated tenure for teachers hired after 7/1/2010
  - Tied Renewal of Teaching Certificate to effective performance appraisal
  - End-of-Course assessments for subjects not tested by FCAT
  - Schools could not assign beginning teachers to reading, math and science positions unless appropriately certified
  - Teacher preparation programs with additional conditions for continued approval
Legislative Updates

- Senate Bill 4 (High School Graduation Rqmts)
  - Increases requirements for high school graduation
  - Establishes End–of–Course tests leading to graduation
  - On Governor Crist’s desk for signature
Race to the Top (RTTT)

- Round I Application
  - October through January application process with Memorandum of Understandings from interested districts
  - Resources for development of assessment tools to support implementation of national standards, as well as professional development tools
  - Reviewed by USDE and Florida one of 16 finalists
  - Only Delaware and Tennessee were awarded $$$

- Round II Application
  - April through June 1 application process
  - Statewide Committee for review and input
  - Be on lookout for more information!
Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs)

- Initial essential practices of effective teaching
  - First developed in 1997; State Board Rule approved in 1998
  - Time to review and possibly revise
  - Used by...
    - Teacher preparation programs – colleges/universities, EPIs and district alternative certification programs (sections 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.56(8), Florida Statutes)
    - District performance appraisal systems for all instructional personnel (section 1012.34, F.S.)
Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAPs) (continued)

- Revision process for 6A–5.065, F.A.C.
  - Notice of Proposed Rule Development – advertised Florida Administrative Weekly March 5, 2010
  - Statewide stakeholders notified – teacher prep programs, district staff developers, education-related organizations and associations (FASD, FACTE, FASA, FADSS, FASPA, FEA, etc.)
  - Commissioner’s Teacher Advisory Council – feedback and revisions
  - Statewide Committee for review and revisions
  - Notice of Proposed Rule with revised FEAPs
  - Public Workshops
  - More Revisions, additional public workshops
  - Possible approval by State Board September 2010
Department Professional Development Initiatives

- Professional development from a variety of DOE offices
  - School Improvement and Student Achievement Office
  - Curriculum, Instruction and Student Services Offices (including Office of Math and Science)

- Primary initiatives being supported
  - Lesson Study
  - Response to Intervention (RtI)
  - Florida Curriculum Improvement Model
  - Next Generation of Sunshine State Standards and adoption of National Standards
  - Instructional Leadership
  - Effective Use of Coaches
Department Professional Development Opportunities

- PROMISE Summer Institutes (Partnership to Rejuvenate and Optimize Mathematics and Science Education)
- Response to Intervention Teaching and Learning Connections (focusing on Algebra I and Keys of Problem Solving)
- Just Read, Florida Summer Institutes – identification literacy needs and strategies to enhance teaching and learning
- Career and Technical Programs Summer Academy – professional development for career and technical teachers to integrate Algebra I and STEM–related industry programs
- NEFEC Summer Academies, including SUMS Project (Students Understanding Math and Science)
Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention (BERDR)

- Retention/Development/School Leadership office
  - Senior Educational Program Director vacancy since October – (officially 12/31/2009)
  - Replacing Henry Pollock – how is that possible???
  - Application process, selection and recommendation
  - Final approval pending – possibly finalized this pm
Florida Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol Standards

- Required by section 1012.98, Florida Statutes
  - Statute establishes requirement for coordinated system of professional development statewide
  - Authorized DOE to adopt professional development standards
  - Evaluate quality of district professional development systems

- 65 Protocol Standards (current) linked to professional learning based on and drawn from:
  - Section 1012.98, F.S.
  - National Staff Development Council’s definition of professional learning and supporting research
Florida Professional Development System Evaluation Protocol Standards

- Rule revision (6A–5.071, F.A.C. – Master Inservice Plan Requirements) incorporated Standards into the requirements for district professional development systems
  - Notice of Proposed Rule Development in January 2010
  - Public Workshop – late January 2010
  - Presented to State Board and approved – March 26, 2010
  - Revised Rule effective May 2, 2010
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