

Florida Department of Education Legislative Update & Initiatives

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Greetings ...

Legislative Updates ...



▶ Legislative Updates

- 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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