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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Hershel Lyons, Chancellor of Public Schools
Jane Fletcher, Assistant Deputy Commissioner, Accountability Research and Measurement

DATE: July 29, 2016

SUBJECT: Release of the 2014-15 ESEA SPARs

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The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) requires that school districts provide parents with an annual school status report to include but not limited to the following: student achievement, accountability and teacher quality indicators. Due to the transition to the new Florida Standards Assessments and informational baseline school grades, the report could not be produced until after release of these data. To assist Florida school districts in preparing these reports, known as the School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs), the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has posted reports containing data for the required indicators at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>. These reports contain indicators required via the ESEA Waiver.

The following list provides the indicators that are required for the annual public disclosure reports under ESEA provisions, as well as additional indicators providing data of interest on the status of Florida's public schools. Districts may add any additional indicators they deem relevant such as attendance, retentions, school funding, etc.

Indicators Prepared by the FDOE:

- October Membership
- Graduation Rate and Dropout Rate
- Postsecondary Follow-Up Data
- Student Performance
- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- International Surveys
- Teachers and Staff
- Florida School Performance Grade

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Distribution Requirements

To meet ESEA legislation requirements, school reports must be made available to the public. Should your district choose to mail paper reports to parents and guardians, your staff will need to print the reports directly from the Web.

The following recommendations are provided to assist districts with reducing distribution costs and staff resources:

- Send only a notification of the report's availability to parents or guardians of every student, indicating where and how they can view or obtain the report.
- Keep a printed copy of the report at each school and the district offices for viewing only.
- Send copies to parents, guardians or community members only upon request.
- Provide copies to public libraries or other public areas.
- Provide reports to local newspapers.

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