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MEMORANDUM

To: District School Superintendents

From: Jim Warford

Date: July 7, 2003

Subject: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS RELATED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ACCELERATED GRADUATION OPTIONS DEFINED IN SENATE BILL 30A

The 2003 Legislature amended several laws related to high school graduation requirements. The purpose of these amendments is to provide students with accelerated high school graduation options, align the number of university admission credits with these accelerated options, and modify the general requirements for high school graduation. Beginning with the 2003-2004 school year, high school students will have three options for high school graduation.

JIM WARFORD
K-12 Chancellor

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Please find enclosed the technical assistance paper, *High School Graduation Options 2003-2004*, developed by the Department to provide guidance related to the implementation of the graduation options created in Section 1003.429, Florida Statutes. This document provides school and school district personnel with information essential to the implementation of the new legislation for the 2003-2004 school year. The technical assistance paper and related documents include:

- Summary of the legislation, including a question and answer section
- *Graduation Options-Fact Sheet For Districts*
- *Summary of Acceleration Programs for High School Students*
- Sample parent notification letter and chart outlining the three graduation options
- *Accelerated Graduation Options: Relevant sections of Senate Bill 30A Including Section 1003.43, Florida Statutes*

Department staff, representing the K-20 system, collaborated in the development of this technical assistance paper and will continue to develop additional materials to provide guidance for implementing this legislation. We are available to provide technical assistance as you and your staff address these new graduation options.

If you have questions or need additional information regarding K-12 curriculum, instruction, or guidance services, please contact Mary Jo Butler or Mike Tremor. If you have questions regarding career and technical education programs, please contact Rose Raynak. Thank you for your continued commitment for ensuring the highest quality of educational programs and opportunities for Florida's students.

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Enclosure

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High School Principals
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