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TO: School Improvement and Title I Contacts

FROM: Nikolai Vitti, Deputy Chancellor

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SUBJECT: Baseline and Mid-Year Data Reports for Differentiated Accountability

We would like to take this opportunity to clarify the requirements for the Baseline and Mid-Year Data Reports that are required for schools in Differentiated Accountability (DA).

All DA schools will submit baseline and mid-year assessment data for reading and mathematics in grades 3-10, and in writing and science for those grade levels tested. This data is only required for Level 1-3 students in reading and mathematics for grades 4-10; however, the reporting of data for students at Levels 4 and 5 is strongly encouraged. In writing and science, this data is only required for "all students" in the grade levels tested. **Non-Title I "A", "B", and "C" DA schools are only required to submit baseline and mid-year data for subgroups who did not make AYP during the prior school year.**

Schools should submit data for both Average Performance and Percent at or Above Mastery. Cluster data is included on the reporting form, but it is not required to complete since many districts do not have the data systems to disaggregate data at this level.

Schools will fulfill their responsibility to report grades 3-10 reading data through the Progress Monitoring and Reporting Network (PMRN) if they are using the Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR). Districts should report their reading data through the DA template if the FAIR is not used.

NIKOLAI VITTI
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As you know, the baseline data is due via the Department's on-line School Improvement Plan system by September 18, 2009 and mid-year data is due December 18, 2009. This system should be available by September 14, 2009. Schools should log-in to their School Improvement Plan at <http://flbsi.org> and click on the link "2009-2010 Baseline & Mid-Year Data." For your convenience, we have attached an updated template of the required baseline and mid-year data.

The Department understands that flexibility may be needed as districts and schools implement FAIR for the first time. If you have not done so already, please let your Regional Executive Director know the schools that will be delayed in uploading any baseline data.

Thank you for your continued commitment to improving the academic achievement of all students. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Nikolai Vitti, Deputy Chancellor of School Improvement, at nikolai.vitti@fldoe.org or (850) 245-0509, or you may contact your Regional Executive Director.

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