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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: July 31, 2009

SUBJECT: EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT – SEVERE/PROFOUND DISABILITIES

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The purpose of this memo is to inform you that we are **suspending** the requirement that teachers with more than 50 percent of their students identified as having a severe or profound disability earn the endorsement in severe or profound disabilities by July 1, 2011. Reference to this requirement will be removed from the *Florida Course Code Directory*.

Rule 6A-4.01793, Florida Administrative Code, which establishes the course requirements for obtaining this endorsement will remain in effect. The endorsement will be an option for teachers of students identified with autism spectrum disorder, or for teachers of students with significant cognitive or dual sensory impairments.

Should you have additional questions regarding this memo, please contact Ms. Sheryl Sandvoss, Program Specialist, Florida Department of Education, by telephone at (850) 245-0478 or via electronic mail at sheryl.sandvoss@fldoe.org.

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