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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors

FROM: Cari Miller, Chancellor of Early Learning

DATE: August 23, 2024

SUBJECT: New Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Program Accountability

The State Board of Education approved Rule 6M-8.622, Florida Administrative Code, Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Provider Performance Metric and Designation on August 21, 2024. The rule is effective on September 24, 2024.

The new rule establishes VPK program accountability in accordance with Section 1002.68, Florida Statutes. The rule details procedures for the department to calculate each VPK provider's performance metric and assignment of performance designations. The rule includes key VPK accountability terms and definitions including composite program assessment score, eligible children, growth rate, highest literacy classification, kindergarten readiness and performance metric designations. Additionally, the rule outlines the three components (quality, achievement and learning gains) for calculating each VPK provider's performance metric, and criteria for assigning performance designations.

New VPK program accountability will be applied at the end of the 2024-25 VPK program year. The department will calculate performance metrics for each VPK provider and assign each provider a performance designation within 45 days after the conclusion of the VPK school-year and summer programs, respectively.

For more information, visit the [Division of Early Learning webpage](#) or email questions to VPKQuestions@del.fldoe.org.

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