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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Richard Corcoran

DATE: August 19, 2019

SUBJECT: Educator's Professional Liability Insurance Program

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Each year the Florida Legislature appropriates funds for the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) to provide liability insurance for full-time instructional personnel in Florida [as defined in section 1012.01(2), Florida Statutes, (F.S.)]. This insurance is to protect full-time instructional personnel from liability for monetary damages and costs of defense against claims made against educators acting within their professional capacity.

FDOE has secured the \$2 million insurance policy through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc., for the 2019-20 school year. This coverage, subject to standard conditions and exclusions, is made available to all full-time instructional personnel in Florida public schools. The liability insurance program includes coverage for full-time instructional personnel participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program. Additional information regarding the educator's professional liability insurance program, including a list of frequently asked questions and a copy of the current policy, can be found at FDOE's website, <http://www.fldoe.org/about-us/liability-insurance.shtml>.

In accordance with s. 1012.75(3)(b), F.S., all district school boards are required to distribute this information in a separate communication to their eligible educators using the attached postcard no later than September 1, 2019. The statute also requires certification that districts have met the notification requirement, no later than September 15, 2019. Attached is a form to complete this certification. Please return the completed certification form to Sean Freeman at Sean.Freeman@fldoe.org after you have distributed the notification.

If you have any questions, you may contact Sean Freeman at 850-245-0997.

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Attachments