Gov. Scott Announces Dr. Joseph Joyner to Serve on the Florida Standards Assessment Review Selection Panel

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Today, Governor Rick Scott announced Dr. Joseph Joyner as his selection to serve on the panel that will choose a vendor to conduct a third-party review of the 2014-2015 Florida Standards Assessment. Earlier this month, Governor Scott signed House Bill 7069, which called for the Governor, the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to each designate an individual to compose the three-person selection panel.

Governor Scott said, “It is critical that our state’s parents, teachers and students have confidence in the statewide assessments required by Florida Statute. With Dr. Joyner’s extensive background in education, he brings a perspective that will help ensure the right organization is selected to review the Florida Standards Assessment and determine whether the test results adequately measure our students’ knowledge.”

Dr. Joseph Joyner has been Superintendent of the St. Johns County School District, one of the state’s top-performing districts, since 2003. Prior to taking over as superintendent, he had served in various administrative positions at Orange County Public Schools since 1980.

The law mandates that in selecting the entity, the panel must consider, at a minimum:

- The national reputation and length of establishment of the entity;
- The experience and expertise of the independent entity in validating such data; and
- The use of professional standards, codes, and guidelines that address applicable practices in the profession, such as the Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing.

The panel must select the independent entity no later than June 1, 2015. Upon selection of the entity, DOE shall immediately contract with the independent entity to perform the verification, which must be completed by September 1, 2015.

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