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## **MEMORANDUM #07-38**

**TO:** Early Learning Coalition Executive Directors  
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**FROM:** Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning

**SUBJECT:** 2007 Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Curriculum Approval Process and Approved Curriculum List for Low Performing Providers

The legislation implementing Florida's Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, [Section 1002.67\(2\)\(c\)](#), Florida Statutes, directs the Department of Education to approve and maintain a list of curricula for required use by those VPK providers that are placed on probation as a result of their kindergarten readiness rates falling below the minimum rate adopted by the State Board of Education for two consecutive years.

The Department has completed the 2007 VPK Curriculum Approval Process for Low Performing Providers, in partnership with a statewide Curriculum Approval Committee, made up of program directors, teachers, Executive Directors of Early Learning Coalitions, public school representatives, higher education representatives, and representation from the Agency for Workforce Innovation's Office of Early Learning.

As indicated in the [Curriculum Approval Specifications \(2007\)](#), six curricular components were reviewed: content, presentation, learning, professional development, parent/family materials, and research base.

It is important to note that all approved curricula have been specially packaged for Florida VPK Provider use and may include supplemental materials and specially designed professional development. The Florida VPK Approved Curricula for Low

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Performing Providers have been specially developed and packaged for Florida VPK provider use. Communication with the vendor will ensure that the desired curricula is the designated Florida VPK curriculum to be purchased. Visiting the [Office of Early Learning's Curriculum webpage](#) is important to determine the full scope of what was reviewed for this VPK Curriculum Approval Process for Low Performing Providers.

The report of the 2007 VPK Curriculum Approval Committee for Low Performing Providers is attached (see page 5 of the report for the list of approved curricula for low performing providers). The report, as well as curriculum materials and professional development information from each approved submission, will be available on our website shortly at [www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/curric.asp](http://www.fldoe.org/earlylearning/curric.asp).

The next VPK Curriculum Approval Process for Low Performing Providers is scheduled for 2009. If you have any questions regarding the 2007 VPK Curriculum Approval Process for Low Performing Providers, please contact me or Dr. Tara Huls, Program Specialist, at (850) 245-0445 or via email, respectively at [shan.goff@fldoe.org](mailto:shan.goff@fldoe.org) or [tara.huls@fldoe.org](mailto:tara.huls@fldoe.org).

TH/sgg

Attachment

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