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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
District Certification Officers

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: October 31, 2011

SUBJECT: **Repeal of the Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum Certification Rule**

The State Board of Education approved on September 20, 2011, the repeal of Rule 6A-4.0233, F.A.C. certification specialization requirements for the Middle Grades Integration Curriculum (MGIC) subject area. The effective date of the rule repeal is October 25, 2011. This means that effective October 25, 2011, MGIC certification will no longer be offered.

All educators that currently have certification in MGIC on a valid certificate will retain that subject area certification if the Professional Certificate is renewed or if all requirements to move from a Temporary Certificate to a Professional Certificate are met within the specified time frames. Any educator that holds a valid Statement of Eligibility for certification in MGIC will be allowed to complete those requirements and take the MGIC subject area examination if required and not already passed. However, please note a passing score earned on the MGIC subject area examination does not establish eligibility for certification in MGIC unless a certification application was filed prior to October 25, 2011, the date of repeal of the certification rule.

The Florida Teacher Certification Examination subject area examination will continue to be offered for three years from the date of the repeal of the MGIC certification rule to allow applicants that applied for MGIC certification before October 25, 2011, to have the three year validity period provided in law to meet requirements as shown on their Statement of Eligibility.

PAM STEWART
CHANCELLOR OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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School districts were advised in a district memorandum in May 2011 of the changes that have been made this school year or will be made in the 2012-2013 school year regarding the acceptability of the MGIC certification for instruction and the changes in courses in the Course Code Directory. That memorandum is available at <http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-6078/dps-2011-51.pdf>.

If you have any questions regarding the repeal of the MGIC rule, please contact Beverly Gregory as shown above.

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