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MEMORANDUM

TO: VPK Providers

FROM: Stuart Greenberg, Executive Director, Just Read, Florida! and the Office of Early Learning

SUBJECT: Distribution of Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screening (FLKRS) Parent Responsibility Posters

Consistent with our goal to provide support to prekindergarten programs and providers throughout the State, we are pleased to provide you with an electronic copy of our Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) Parent Responsibility poster. The attached poster emphasizes the responsibility of parents whose children attended VPK and enroll in a non-public kindergarten to have their children screened. The poster also includes information for parents and other interested parties regarding how the results of the kindergarten readiness screening will be utilized.

We encourage you to share the poster with your parents whose children attended VPK and to post wherever else you think they may be effective. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Gary Sabitsch at (850) 245-9412 or gary.sabitsch@fldoe.org. We appreciate your assistance in helping to ensure that all children who participated in VPK are included in the kindergarten screening.

SG/eh

Attachment

c: VPK Regional Facilitators
Brittany Birken, Agency for Workforce Innovation
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STUART GREENBERG
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
JUST READ, FLORIDA! AND THE OFFICE OF EARLY LEARNING

It's Your Responsibility . . . Get Your Child Screened!



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Your child is required to participate in the Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener (FLKRS) in the first 30 days of kindergarten. All kindergarten students who attend kindergarten in the public schools will automatically be screened. **If your child will attend kindergarten in a non-public school, you are responsible for having your child screened. Be sure to check with your child's kindergarten school to make sure your child is screened.**



The Florida Kindergarten Readiness Screener is based upon the Florida Early Learning and Developmental Standards for Four-Year-Olds (2011). The results of this screening:

- provide valuable information about your child's readiness for kindergarten
- help teachers develop lesson plans to meet each child's individual needs
- will also be used to calculate a readiness rate each year for private and public school providers of the VPK Education Program.



If you have any questions about the screening process, **please contact the school that your child will be attending for kindergarten.** We are all working together to make sure that your child's kindergarten experience is successful.

