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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

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**SUBJECT:** HB 1 Online Portal

In accordance with Section 1001.10(10) and 1002.82(2)(q), Florida Statutes, the Department of Education is developing an online portal aimed at helping parents determine the best early learning and K-12 educational options for their students, wherever they are in Florida. The Department is working in partnership with Wonderschool to create a fully integrated online portal that will connect early learning providers and *all* schools, public and private, with families throughout Florida. The online portal will allow parents to navigate a variety of educational options and help them identify the best learning experience for their children.

For parents searching for an early learning provider that best meets their child's needs, the online portal will provide families with real-time, searchable information on child care openings, tuition and fees, curriculum, health and safety violations, quality initiatives, CLASS scores and other services offered.

For parents searching for the best K-12 educational option for their student, the online portal will, at a minimum:

- Allow parents to search school options by a variety of criteria, including location, grade levels, extracurricular options, specialized programs and more.
- Recommend educational options based on questions about the student, including the needs and interests of the student.
- Enable schools to develop a school profile and connect directly with families who express interest in the school, including scheduling school tours.

More information about the deployment of the online portal will be provided in the very near future, and we encourage you to help make this effort informative and valuable for all families.

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