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Bureau of Educator Certification Partnership Update

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Today's Agenda

- FLDOE Developments
- Legislative Update
- Certification Status Update
- Certification Policy Developments
- Certification Processing Update
- Certification Operations
- Questions and Answers

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FLDOE Developments

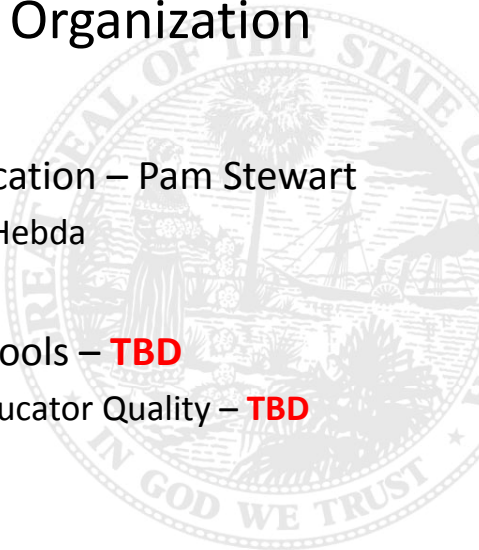


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Department Organization

- Commissioner of Education – Pam Stewart
 - Chief of Staff – Kathy Hebda
- Chancellor, Public Schools – **TBD**
 - Deputy Chancellor, Educator Quality – **TBD**



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Department Organization

- Chief, BERDR – Eileen McDaniel
 - Director, Professional Development & Performance Evaluations – John Moore, EdD
 - Director, Ed Prep Programs – **TBD**
 - Now includes DACP
 - Director, Recruitment – **TBD**
 - Coordinator, FL Future Educators of America – **TBD**

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Florida Standards

- Education Accountability Summit August 2013
 - **State Standards**
 - **State Standard Assessments**
 - School Grades
 - Teacher Evaluations
- Gov. Rick Scott’s Executive Order
- Public hearings held October 15, 16, & 17
- Review at www.floridastandards.org
 - Comments due by October 31, 2013
 - flstandards@fldoe.org

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Legislative Update

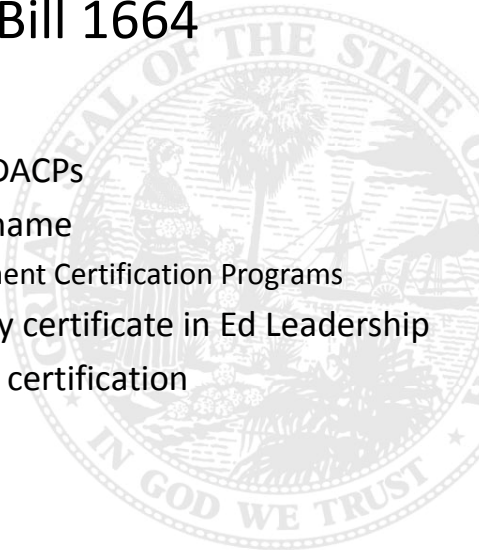


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Senate Bill 1664

- Educator Preparation
 - Aligns ITPs, EPIs, and DACPs
 - DACPs optional, new name
 - Professional Development Certification Programs
 - New special temporary certificate in Ed Leadership
 - Accept ACE credits for certification



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Senate Bill 1664

- SBE Rules Impacted
 - Rule 6A-4.002 – General Provisions
 - Rule 6A-4.003 – Degrees, Programs, and Credits
 - Rule 6A-4.004 – Florida Educator’s Certificates...
 - Rule 6A-4.006 – General and Professional Preparation
 - Rule 6A-5.066 – Approval of Educator Preparation Programs

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Senate Bill 1108

- Exceptional Student Education – Certificate Renewal
 - Rule 6A-4.0051 – Renewal and Reinstatement...
 - Renewal credit effective with all 7/1/2014 or later applications, including Late Renewal
 - Total renewal credit still 6 hours/120 pts
 - Now includes 1 semester hour/20 points in “teaching students with disabilities”
 - Gifted coursework is *not* appropriate
 - Must complete credit during certificate validity
 - Renewal during last year of certificate validity

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SBE Rules Timeline

- November SBE Meeting – proposed
 - Rules 6A-4.002 & 6A-4.003
 - ACE transcripts
 - Foreign training documentation
 - Rule 6A-4.004 – Ed Leadership Temporary
 - Rule 6A-4.0051 – ESE Renewal Credit
- Extended until Winter/Spring 2014
 - Rules 6A-4.006 & 6A-5.066

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Certification Status Update

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BEC Staffing Update

- Chief’s Assistant – Allison Battles
 - 850-245-0431
- Leadership Transitions
 - Evaluations Training Supervisor – **TBD**
 - Operations Supervisor – **TBD**
 - Technology Specialist – **TBD**

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Evaluations Units

- Peak Summer Period
 - Only 10 Evaluations Specialists
 - Evaluations Timeliness - Target 30 days or less
 - Only 42% in 30-days
 - Maximum 46 days
 - Working Overtime to restore 30-day target
 - 2 Vacancies recently advertised

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Communications Section

- Program Director – Mandy Mims
- Team functions:
 - Toll-free callers, EdCert e-mail, office visitors, district liaison, BEC console and mail processing
- Team reorganized October 2012 to reach goal of assisting 85% of callers
 - Peak summer months 2012: 46% of callers ☹
 - Peak summer months 2013: 89% of callers ☺
- BEC Bulletin
 - Now published every other month, next issue December
 - Update contact information with Jean
- Partnership Survey
 - Deferred until Winter/Spring 2014

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Certification Policy Development

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Policy Considerations

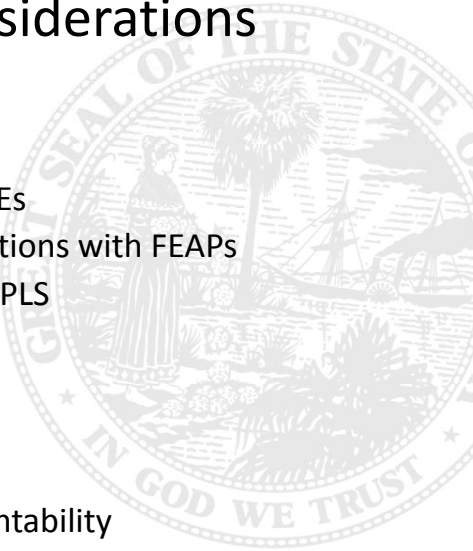
Current

- Improve Rigor of FTCEs
- Evaluate Relevance of FTCEs
- Align Professional Prep options with FEAPs
- Align Ed Leadership with FPLS

Future

- Preparation Pathways
 - Ensure rigor and quality
 - Streamline options
- Align Renewal with Accountability

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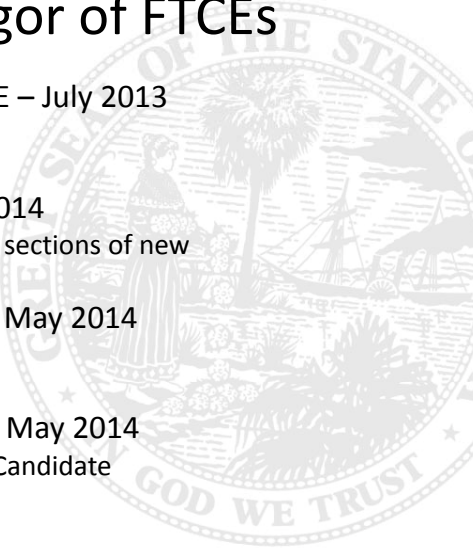


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Improve Rigor of FTCEs

- Prekindergarten-Primary SAE – July 2013
 - New Subtest Format
 - More rigorous
- FELE 3.0 + Essay – January 2014
 - Pass all sections of old or all sections of new
 - No mixing of old and new
- Elementary Education SAE – May 2014
 - New Subtest Format
 - More rigorous
- General Knowledge Exams – May 2014
 - Beginning Effective Teacher Candidate
 - Okay to mix old and new

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FTCE Proposed New Development

- World Language – Spanish K-12
- Preschool Education Birth to Age 4
- Reading K-12
- Business Education 6-12

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Evaluate Relevance of FTCEs

- Low-incidence Subject Area Exams
 - Journalism and Speech → English
 - Convert to endorsements?
 - Repeal Rules?
 - Marketing 6-12 → Business Education
 - Repeal Rule?
 - French, German → ACTFL testing?
 - Latin ??
 - Family & Consumer Science ??

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Align Professional Prep Options

- Align course analysis competencies to SB 1664
- Eliminate PreK-3 and Preschool exam option?
- Accept only approved program completion?
 - Eliminate course by course analysis?

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Certification Processing Update

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Processing Topics

1. BEC Public Website Updates
2. Deleting Subject/s from Certificate
3. NBPTS Literacy
4. I-9 Forms
5. Auditor General Update
6. Course Code Directory Contacts
7. Partnership Training
8. Jean's Friendly Reminders

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BEC Public Website Updates fldoe.org/edcert

- Left Navigation Bar Options
 - Simplified and Reorganized
 - *Alternative & Traditional Certification*: Comprehensive information, charts, and links on various preparation routes and certification pathways
- *Statutory Authority: Chapter 1012, Florida Statutes*: Updated to 2013 Statutes
- *Rule Development for Educator Certification*
 - New Link at Bottom of Page
 - Opens a new page with comprehensive information on rule development actions, related documents, and related legislation and statutes

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Printer Friendly
 Alternative & Traditional Certification
 Apply Here
 Certificate Subjects
 Certificate Types and Requirements
 Certification Examinations (FTCE/FELE)
 Certification Steps
 Educator Certification Contacts
 Frequently Asked Questions
 Search Disciplinary Actions
 Teacher Recruitment

Educator Certification

Google™ Custom Search [Search] Site Index

[Certificate Lookup and Statistics](#) • [Application Status and Address Update](#) • [Certification Materials](#)

New Florida Certification

- [Out-of-state Certified Teacher or Administrator](#)
- [Graduate of a Teacher Education Program](#)
- [Career Changer or College Graduate of a Non-education Program](#)
- [Foreign Trained Graduate or Non-Citizen](#)
- [High School Graduates Considering Teaching](#)

Florida Certified Teachers

- [Adding a Subject or Endorsement](#)
- [Moving from the Temporary to the Professional Certificate](#)
- [Renewing a Florida Professional Certificate](#)
- [Reinstating an Expired Florida Professional Certificate](#)

Statutory Authority: [Chapter 1012](#), Florida Statutes
 Rule Authority: [Chapter 6A-4](#), Florida Administrative Code
[Rule Development for Educator Certification](#)
 Paperless Communication: [Certification Memos](#)

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Alternative & Traditional Certification

Alternative & Traditional Certification

Overview

Florida offers a number of traditional and alternative educator preparation routes that lead to full Professional certification. Some routes are direct pathways to the Professional Certificate. For other routes, the individual first teaches under a Temporary Certificate and then moves to the Professional Certificate.

This webpage includes information on Florida's:

- [Educator Preparation Routes](#)
- [Direct Pathways to a Professional Certificate](#)
- [Pathways to a Temporary Certificate](#)
- [Pathways to Move from a Temporary to a Professional Certificate](#)
- [Certification Examinations](#)
- [Certificate Types and Requirements](#)

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Educator Preparation Routes Chart

ROUTES TO A FLORIDA PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

Teacher Preparation Programs	Certificate Reciprocity	Other Alternative Routes
<p>Initial Teacher Preparation Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida state-approved initial teacher preparation programs at the undergraduate or graduate level AND passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination http://www.fdoe.org/public/teacherprep/teacherprep.asp <p>District Alternative Certification Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida state-approved District Alternative Certification Program provided by Florida public school districts AND passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination Participants must hold a valid Florida Temporary Certificate and be employed as a classroom teacher in a Florida public school district http://www.dbaestflorida.org/ <p>Educator Preparation Institute</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida state-approved Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) program at the post-baccalaureate level AND passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination www.teacherforflorida.com <p>Out-of-State Teacher Education Program</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher preparation program from an out-of-state accredited or approved institution Passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination 	<p>Out-of-State Certificate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A valid standard certificate issued by another U.S. state or territory http://www.fdoe.org/adomr/tereph.asp <p>National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A valid certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards http://www.nbpts.org/ <p>American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence (ABCTE)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A valid certificate issued by the American Board of Certification of Teacher Excellence AND An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida state-supported, public, or state approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Temporary Certificate http://www.abcte.org/teach.florida 	<p>College Teaching Experience</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two (2) semesters of full-time college teaching experience AND A passing score on the Subject Area Examination. <p>Professional Training Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Professional Training Option at the undergraduate or graduate level AND all of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida state-supported, public, or state approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Temporary Certificate One year of full-time teaching experience in an elementary or secondary public or state-approved private school OR six semester hours earned in a college student teaching or supervised internship Passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination <p>Professional Preparation- College Coursework Option</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A minimum of 15 semester hours of education courses as specified in State Board of Education Rule 6A.4-016 at an accredited college or university An approved Professional Education Competence (PEC) demonstration program at a Florida state-supported, public, or state approved private school while employed as a teacher under a valid Temporary Certificate. One year of full-time teaching experience in an elementary or secondary public or state-approved private school OR six semester hours earned in a college student teaching or supervised internship Passing scores on the General Knowledge Test, the Professional Education Test, and the Subject Area Examination

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Rule Development Page

Educator Certification Rule Development

Actions are being considered for the following rules, granted by enabling statutes, to implement or interpret specific Educator Certification provisions. We encourage stakeholders to provide written comments and recommendations for consideration throughout the rule development process.

- [Rule 6A-4.0032 Application Information s. 1012.56](#)
- [Rule 6A-4.002 General Provisions s. 1012.56](#)
- [Rule 6A-4.003 Degrees, Programs, and Credits s. 1012.56](#)
- [Rule 6A-4.004 Florida Educator's Certificate s. 1012.56](#)
- [Rule 6A-4.0051 Renewal and Reinstatement of a Professional Certificate s. 1012.56](#)
- [Rule 6A-4.006 General and Professional Preparation s. 1012.56](#)

Educator Certification will provide official rule development notices to allow ample opportunity for public comment and requests for meetings, workshops and public hearings. Please refer to [State Board Rules Under Review](#) or the [Florida Administrative Register](#) for the department's official notices of rulemaking.

Workshops for Educator Certification Rule Development

- Meeting instructions for Tuesday, August 20, 2013, beginning at 10:00 a.m. EDT (Word, 24KB)
 - [8/20/2013 WebEx Recording](#) (Word, 591KB)
 - [8/20/2013 Workshop Transcript](#) (Word, 235KB)
- Meeting instructions for Wednesday, August 21, 2013, beginning at 2:00 p.m. EDT (Word, 24KB)
 - [8/21/2013 WebEx Recording](#) (Word, 517KB)
 - [8/21/2013 Workshop Transcript](#) (Word, 217KB)
- [Educator Preparation and Certification Rule Workshops Presentation](#) (PDF, 134KB)

Legislative Updates - 2013

The following recently enacted Florida Laws based on bills passed during the 2013 legislative session may impact Educator Certification. Rules required or impacted by legislative act will be drafted and formally proposed as promptly as is possible.

- [Chapter 2013-185 \(SB 1664\)](#) - Educator Preparation (PDF)
 - Section 7, amends s. 1012.55, F.S., Positions for which Certificates Required
 - Section 8, amends s. 1012.56, F.S., Educator certification eligibility criteria
- [Chapter 2013-236 \(SB 1108\)](#) - Exceptional Student Education (ESE)
 - Section 9, amends s. 1012.585, F.S., Process for renewal of professional certificates
 - [Senate Bill 1108 Implementation Memo - 8/23/2013](#) (PDF)
 - [Senate Bill 1108 Questions and Answers - 8/23/2013](#) (PDF)

Official technical assistance or other communications regarding implementation of these legislative enactments will be distributed via the department's [Paperless Communications System](#).

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Deleting Subject/s from Certificate

- **At Renewal**
 - No additional fee when
 - Requested by applicant or
 - Initiated by district (e.g., Consent Decree compliance)
 - Use *Drop* code
 - References
 - Slide 68 of *BEC-PASS Manual*
 - Renewal Section of *Partnership Manual*

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Deleting Subject/s from Certificate

- **Not at Renewal**
 - Applicant submits online CG-10 to BEC
 - \$20 processing fee per subject deleted
- **Adding Deleted Subject Back to Certificate**
 - Subject must still be authorized by the State Board of Education
 - Applicant must submit CG-10 and standard processing fee
 - Applicant must meet laws and rules in effect at that time

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NBPTS Literacy

- NBPTS = National Board for Professional Teaching Standards Certificate
- Literacy = *Early and Middle Childhood Literacy: Reading-Language Arts* Subject
- Satisfies requirements for the Reading Endorsement
- Does not satisfy requirements for the Reading K-12 Coverage
- To add Reading Endorsement to certificate based on NBPTS Literacy:
 - Applicant submits CG-10 online application to BEC
 - Applicant submits copy of NBPTS Literacy Certificate to BEC

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I-9 Forms

- Required for initial certification for each noncitizen
- Please submit prior to CT110E or with CT110 or CT111
- Must be filled out completely
- Must be current form (March 8, 2013)
- Older form is only acceptable when the form was filled out prior to May 8, 2013
- When applicant is a U.S. citizen and by mistake selects noncitizen on application
 - Must submit CT-103 to correct error
 - Do not submit I-9
- I-9 form should only be submitted to BEC for noncitizens

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Auditor General Update

- Auditing 2012-2013 School Year
- Hot Topic: Middle Grades Integrated Curriculum
- 28 Districts Being Audited
 - Alachua
 - Calhoun
 - Charlotte
 - Dixie
 - Escambia
 - FAMU Lab
 - FAU Lab
 - Flagler
 - Franklin
 - FSU Lab
 - Gadsden
 - Gilchrist
 - Gulf
 - Hendry
 - Hillsborough
 - Jackson
 - Jefferson
 - Lee
 - Leon
 - Levy
 - Marion
 - Miami-Dade
 - Orange
 - Pasco
 - Polk
 - St. Johns
 - UF Lab
 - Volusia

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Course Code Directory (CCD) Contacts

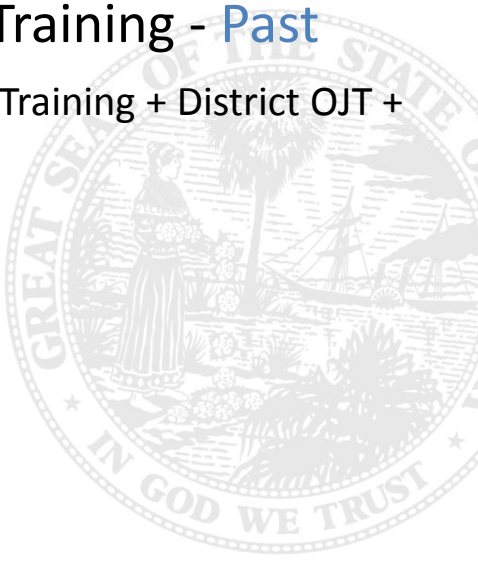
- General CCD Questions
 - Office of Articulation
 - Trinity Colson, CCD Manager
- General Certification Questions
 - Veronica White
 - David Lajeunesse
- ESE Questions
 - Bureau of Exceptional Education & Student Services (BEESS)
 - Zoe Mahoney, Bethany Mathers, Cathy Bishop
- ESOL Questions
 - Student Achievement through Language Acquisition (SALA) Office
 - Pat Faircloth
- Career and Technical Education (CTE) Questions
 - Career & Adult Education office
 - Eric Owens
- E-mail Addresses: firstname.lastname@fldoe.org

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Partnership Training - Past

- Two-day Face-to-Face Training + District OJT + BEC Support
- At FLDOE
- Fall
- Spring (as needed)




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Partnership Training - Present

- Triggered by Recession, Minimal Hiring of New Certification Staff, and Limited District Funds for Travel
- Online Modules + District OJT + BEC Support
- Online Partnership Training (OPT) Program
 - OPT 1: Introduction to Certification – Available on BEC-PASS
 - OPT 2: Certificate Types and Subjects – Available on BEC-PASS
 - OPT 3: Steps to Certification – Available on BEC-PASS
 - OPT 4: Routes and Pathways to Certification
 - Coming Soon!
 - Comprehensive module covering all certification Routes and Pathways, including options to satisfy Mastery of General Knowledge, Subject Knowledge & Professional Preparation/Education Competence
 - 2014: Remaining Modules (Transcript Evaluations, Additions, Renewal & Reinstatement, Summary of Subject Specialization Rules)



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Partnership Training – Future???

- Where do we go from here?
- Should we stay the course or make changes?
- District & BEC Needs and Resources?
- Growing Number of New District Certification Officers
- Combination Online & Face-to-Face?
 - Online: For Immediate Training When and As Needed
 - Face-to-Face
 - Consolidated Session to Supplement the Online Program?
 - One –Day? Half-day? FLDOE? FASPA?
- We need your input!!!
 - veronica.white@fldoe.org
 - 850.245.0569

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Jean's Friendly Reminders

- BEC cannot review transcripts for Advanced Degree Salary Supplement purposes.
- Fingerprint/Processing Alert issues for renewal or other reasons should be sent directly to Rose Wiggins.
 - edcertFPresults@fldoe.org
 - 850.245.0651
- Please use the Dual Response Fingerprint Option for any person who may become a teacher within one year of processing fingerprints.
- Special Message from Jean: *"If you could add a BIG HUG from Jean that would be great 😊."*

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Certification Operations



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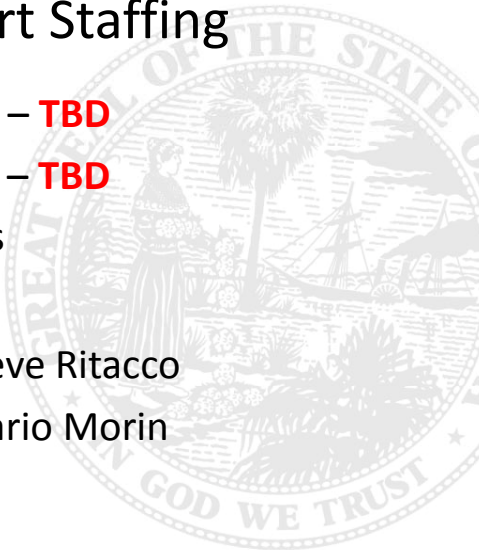
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IT Support Staffing

- BEC IT Team Manager – **TBD**
- 3 BEC IT Support FTEs – **TBD**
- 2.5 BEC IT Contractors

LBR Projects Team:

- Project Manager – Steve Ritacco
- Business Analyst – Mario Morin
- Developers – **TBD**



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Discovery Session – Thursday

- BEC Projects Overview
- Recent BEC-PASS Improvements
 - New Common Search, E-Form names, Renewal method descriptions, etc.
- Captured Ideas and Innovations
- Results of Information Gathering

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FP Livescan Transition

- Fall 2013 – School Districts initiate local LiveScan option
- March 2014 – BEC terminates FP Card processing
- June 2014 – Statewide AFAPS Contract Ends
- CJIS Security Policy Considerations


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Professional Practices Services

- Chief of PPS – Marian Lambeth
- Application Investigations – Randy Kosec
- Athletic Coaches must be state-certified
- Retention of Application Records

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Questions?

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