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August 25, 2010

Dear ESOL and Staff Development Contacts:

Florida's revised Teacher Standards for the English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement were approved by the State Board of Education on March 26, 2010, and district ESOL add-on endorsement plans must be implemented to reflect these standards by September 2011. To ensure that the timeline for the endorsement add-on process can be met, all districts are required to submit a new ESOL add-on plan by March 1, 2011. Please note that the validity period for your ESOL add-on program will remain unchanged.

An ESOL add-on plan template is provided in Attachment 1 which shows the required program elements with examples included for each section. Districts can use this template for ESOL add-on plan background information, but must include district-specific program details. Additional guidance for district add-on certification programs can be found at <http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/pdf/add-on-manual.pdf>.

ESOL training components must include (1) general and specific objectives (included in the template); and (2) a matrix which is aligned to activities and coursework and must be developed in 60 hour/point increments in the following in-service courses:

- Domain 1: Culture (Cross-Cultural Communications)
- Domain 2: Language and Literacy (Applied Linguistics)
- Domain 3: Methods of Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL)
- Domain 4: ESOL Curriculum and Materials Development
- Domain 5: Assessment (ESOL Testing and Evaluation)

For districts participating in the ERT (ESOL for Reading Teachers) Option B, the practicum must also be revised to reflect the new teacher standards. Attachment 2 includes the revised ERT template. Districts must submit a new practicum which includes revised activities and matrix.

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When the ESOL add-on plan has been revised and approved by the district school board, please submit the following:

- A letter from the district superintendent or designee indicating that the district has made revisions to the ESOL add-on program to incorporate the new standards
- Documentation of school board approval
- An electronic copy of your complete revised ESOL add-on program to:

**Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, and Retention**  
**325 West Gaines Street, Suite 124**  
**Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400**  
**Attention: Denise Scheidler**  
**[Denise.scheidler@fldoe.org](mailto:Denise.scheidler@fldoe.org)**

If you have any questions concerning the new ESOL standards, please contact Ginger Alberto in the Office of Student Achievement through Language Acquisition. She may be reached by phone at 850-245-0894 or via e-mail at [ginger.alberto@fldoe.org](mailto:ginger.alberto@fldoe.org). If you have questions concerning the district add-on program approval process, please contact Denise Scheidler in the Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention. She may be reached by phone at 850-245-0545 or via e-mail at [denise.scheidler@fldoe.org](mailto:denise.scheidler@fldoe.org).

Sincerely,



Lori Rodriguez