



### ***Lavan Dukes Selected to Serve on National Committee***

Educational Policy Information Director Lavan Dukes was recently selected to serve on a national forum sponsored by the Carnegie Corporation and the National Academies to discuss improved measurement of high school dropout and completion rates. Lavan joins a team of six other education experts from various universities and state education departments across the nation. Appointment to this committee is a very selective process requiring that candidates have specific expertise and experience in the area of study. For many years, Lavan has been considered an expert in the area of data systems and data collection. As many of you are aware, he spearheaded the development of Florida's individualized student and staff databases, which have since been hailed as one of the most comprehensive databases of its kind in the U.S. Congratulations, Lavan, on receiving this honor.

### ***2007-08 NCLB SPARs Now Available On-line***

The No Child Left Behind School Public Accountability Reports (SPARs) are now available on our website at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/index.cfm>. These reports comply with the federal NCLB requirement for annual report cards



on the educational progress of schools, school districts, and the state. The reports are searchable by school and provide information on student demographics, graduation and dropout rates, standardized test results, and teachers and staff.

### ***Congratulations, Arlene!***

In May, the Society of Government Meeting Professionals (SGMP), Florida Capital Chapter, extended a double honor to EIAS's Arlene Roberts, awarding her with the Member's Choice Award and the President's Award. Arlene served as president for four years and nine months and is currently on the local chapter's board as immediate past president. "Arlene's positive attitude, unwavering dedication and strong leadership skills are treasured assets. Her professionalism and commitment is [sic] a model for our organization and industry as a whole," said SGMP National First Vice President Robert Coffman. Arlene was also nominated by her peers at the national level for the Sam Gilmer Planner of the Year Award. Please join us in congratulating Arlene on this prestigious honor.

### Important Dates

- **Aug. 15 – Sept. 15** – Submission period for personnel e-mail contact information
- **Sept. 2** – Survey 6, 2008-09, PMRN data due
- **Sept. 3** – Survey 6, 2008-09, PMRN end state processing
- **Sept. 5** – Survey 6, 2008-09, Count 2 – count date & due date  
Survey 5, 2007-08, end state processing
- **Sept. 12** – Survey 6, 2008-09, Count 3 – count date & due date
- **Sept. 15** – Staff e-mail files – end processing
- **Sept. 17** – Survey 6, 2008-09, end state processing  
Preliminary graduation rates available
- **Sept. 19** – Survey 1, 2008-09, end state processing
- **Sept. 26** – Class Size trial run #1
- **Sept. 30** – Survey 1, 2008-09, final update
- **Oct. 3-24** – Update window for 2007-08 graduation rate process
- **Oct. 3** – Class Size trial run #2
- **Oct. 10** – Class Size trial run #3
- **Oct. 13-17** – Survey 2, 2008-09, Survey Week
- **Oct. 14** – Second chance to review preliminary graduation rates
- **Oct. 17** – NO CLASS SIZE RUN
- **Oct. 20** – Survey 2, 2008-09, begin state processing
- **Oct. 24** – Class Size Run #4
- **Oct. 31** – Survey 2, 2008-09, due date  
Deadline for submitting Fall 2008 New Hires data collection survey  
Class Size Run #5
- **Nov. 7** – Class Size Run #6
- **Nov. 14** – Survey 2, 2008-09, end state processing  
Class Size Run #7
- **Nov. 21** – Survey 3, 2007-08, final update



### Staff E-Mail Address Data Collection for the 2008-09 School Year

In accordance with Section 1012.05(3)(b), Florida Statutes, "By September 15 and February 15 of each year, each school district shall electronically submit accurate public school e-mail addresses for all instructional and administrative personnel, as identified in s.1012.01(2) and (3), to the Department of Education." The submission period for the September 15 data collection is from August 15 to September 15, 2008. Please review the Paperless Communication memo dated July 29, 2008, regarding the Update of Personnel E-mail Contact Information at the links below for further specifics.

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-5070/emailinfo.pdf>

<http://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-5071/emailinfoa.pdf>

### Fall 2008 Public Schools Staff Survey - New Hires Data Collection

Paperless Communication is forthcoming regarding the Fall 2008 New Hires data collection survey. This is a multipurpose data collection instrument designed to collect data to meet state reporting requirements; comprehensive data are used in the department publications, *Critical Teacher Shortage Areas* and *New Hires in Florida Public Schools*. The data collection period is specific to staff hired between July 1, 2008, and October 1, 2008. The completed survey should be returned by **October 31, 2008**. Be on the lookout for specifics concerning this data collection!

### Recent Reports and Publications



Several publications have been released in the last few months. They are listed below with their corresponding web links.

- Guide to Calculations for the NCLB School Public Accountability Reports, 2007-08  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/nclbguide.pdf>
- 2008-09 School District Start and End Dates  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/opncls.pdf>
- School District Calendars, 2008-09  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/calendar.pdf>
- Teacher Demographics in Florida's Public Schools, Fall 2007  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/tchdemo.doc>
- Teacher Salary, Experience, and Degree Level, 2007-08  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/word/tchsal0708.doc>
- Staff in Florida's Public Schools, Fall 2007  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/psstf.pdf>
- Performance on the College Placement Test for Graduates Entering College, 2005-06  
<http://www.fldoe.org/eias/eiaspubs/pdf/cptgrads.pdf>

### Final Dates for 2008-09 Updates

As per revisions to Rule 6A-1.0451, F.A.C., the final dates for updating FTE survey data submissions occur on uniform dates which fall on the last day of a specified month. The final date for updating Survey 1, 2008-09 data submissions is **Tuesday, September 30, 2008**. No updates will be accepted for Survey 1 after that date. The final dates for updating other surveys are

- Survey 2 – March 31, 2009;
- Survey 3 – July 31, 2009;
- Survey 4 – August 31, 2009; and
- Survey 5 – February 28, 2010.

Submission and final dates for updating all surveys are located at <http://www.fldoe.org/eias/dataweb/surveydate0809.pdf>. If the final date falls on a weekend, all files received by the following Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. will be processed prior to closing the survey.

### Survey 6 Reporting – Student Locator and Dropout Match

The Survey 5, 2007-08 Dropout Match will use the data collected in Survey 6. In this match, Prior School Status records from Survey 5, 2007-08 are matched to both Surveys 5 and 6 enrollment information and provided in files to districts to help locate students coded as dropping out of school. Revisions are being made to the Technical Assistance Paper (TAP) *Identifying and Reporting Dropouts for Grades PK-12*. We will notify districts when this TAP is posted on the web. Please see the *Important Dates* section above for pertinent deadlines.

*Ahhh...Autumn!*

