STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Consent Item

August 18, 2021

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Rule 6M-4.630, Statewide Provider Contract Monitoring Tool for the School Readiness Program

PROPOSED BOARD ACTION

For Approval

AUTHORITY FOR STATE BOARD ACTION

Section 1001.02, F.S.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Division of Early Learning (DEL) administers federal and state child care funds and partners with 30 local early learning coalitions to deliver comprehensive early learning services statewide. The division oversees three programs—the School Readiness (SR) Program, the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, and Child Care Resource and Referral services. Legislation passed during the 2021 session changed the state governance structure for early learning and provides authority for the State Board of Education to adopt early learning rules.

FDOE/DEL is statutorily required to establish by rule a standard statewide provider contract to be used with each SR Program provider. The contract has been adopted in Rule 6M-4.610, with amendments to the contract form effective April 15, 2021 for implementation in the 2021-22 contract year. Procedures and a tool for early learning coalitions to use when monitoring compliance of contracted school readiness program providers with the terms of the contract are adopted in Rule 6M-4.630.

Rule 6M-4.630 is amended to revise the monitoring tool form to align with the standard statewide provider contract for the 2021-22 contract year. Rule text is updated to reference the September 2021 DEL-SR20M, Statewide Provider Contract Monitoring Tool. Additional changes to the monitoring tool included updating the form date and a correction to the page numbers.

Supporting Documentation Included: Proposed Rule 6M-4.630, F.A.C. and Form DEL-SR 20M, Statewide School Readiness Provider Contract Monitoring Tool (September 2021)

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