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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
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FROM: Ashley Meros, Ph.D.

DATE: June 2, 2026

SUBJECT: Florida Workforce Pell Implementation and Initial Guidance

Beginning July 1, 2026, Workforce Pell will expand access to postsecondary funding for eligible short-term workforce education and training programs that prepare students for employment in high-skill, high-wage or in-demand occupations.

Florida's Workforce Pell implementation builds upon existing statewide education and workforce systems to support program quality, workforce alignment and student success. The state's methodology incorporates established frameworks related to workforce demand, credential quality, and career pathways to help identify eligible programs and support compliance with federal requirements. Initial implementation activities will include a state-approved program approval process, institutional certification and state validation. Florida's implementation approach is designed to support timely student access while maintaining strong accountability and alignment with workforce needs.

As implementation continues, the Department will provide additional guidance, resources, timelines and technical assistance to support institutions and districts in preparing for participation.

To support this rollout, the Department has launched a Workforce Pell webpage containing information related to:

- Florida's Workforce Pell implementation approach and methodology
- Program eligibility considerations and state requirements
- Institutional roles and responsibilities
- Implementation updates, resources and future guidance
- Frequently asked questions and additional support materials

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Institutions and districts are encouraged to review these materials regularly, as the website, www.fldoe.org/workforcepell, will serve as the primary source for Workforce Pell implementation updates and resources.

Workforce Pell implementation will occur through a phased and iterative process. Additional information will be released as federal and state implementation activities continue and as program details become available.

The Department appreciates your partnership in expanding access to high-quality workforce education opportunities that lead to meaningful employment and long-term career advancement for Florida students. For questions regarding Workforce Pell implementation, please email us at workforcepell@fldoe.org.

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