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1 date.--Adopt policies for the opening and closing of schools
2 and fix uniform dates; however, beginning with the 2007-2008
3 school year, the opening date for schools in the district may
4 not be earlier than 14 days before Labor Day each year.

5 (5) PERSONNEL.--

6 ~~(c) Fully support and cooperate in the application of~~
7 ~~the guiding principles of Better Educated Students and~~
8 ~~Teachers (BEST) Florida Teaching, pursuant to s. 1000.041.~~

9 (16) IMPLEMENT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT AND
10 ACCOUNTABILITY.--Maintain a system of school improvement and
11 education accountability as provided by statute and State
12 Board of Education rule. This system of school improvement and
13 education accountability shall be consistent with, and
14 implemented through, the district's continuing system of
15 planning and budgeting required by this section and ss.
16 1008.385, 1010.01, and 1011.01. This system of school
17 improvement and education accountability shall include, but is
18 not limited to, the following:

19 (a) School improvement plans.--Annually approve and
20 require implementation of a new, amended, or continuation
21 school improvement plan for each school in the district.
22 ~~except that~~ A district school board may establish a district
23 school improvement plan that includes all schools in the
24 district operating for the purpose of providing educational
25 services to youth in Department of Juvenile Justice programs.
26 Such plan shall be designed to achieve the state education
27 priorities pursuant to s. 1000.03(5) and student performance
28 standards. Each plan must emphasize budget allocations and
29 professional development based on an analysis of student
30 achievement and other school performance data and must
31 include:

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1 1. Professional development that supports enhanced and
2 differentiated instructional strategies to improve teaching
3 and learning.

4 2. Continuous use of disaggregated student achievement
5 data to determine effectiveness of instructional strategies.

6 3. Ongoing informal and formal assessments to monitor
7 individual student progress, including progress toward mastery
8 of the Sunshine State Standards, and to redesign instruction
9 if needed.

10 4. Alternative instructional delivery methods to
11 support remediation, acceleration, and enrichment strategies.

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13 District school boards shall require schools to address other
14 matters of resource allocation as appropriate, such as
15 instructional materials and technologies that enhance teaching
16 and learning, staffing, student support services, school
17 safety and discipline strategies, student health and fitness,
18 and parental involvement. In addition, any school required to
19 implement a rigorous reading requirement pursuant to s.
20 1003.415 must include such component in its school improvement
21 plan. Each plan shall also address issues relative to budget,
22 training, instructional materials, technology, staffing,
23 student support services, specific school safety and
24 discipline strategies, student health and fitness, including
25 physical fitness, parental information on student health and
26 fitness, and indoor environmental air quality, and other
27 matters of resource allocation, as determined by district
28 school board policy, and shall be based on an analysis of
29 student achievement and other school performance data.

30 (b) Approval process.--Develop a process for approval
31 of a school improvement plan presented by an individual school

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1 and its advisory council. In the event a district school board
 2 does not approve a school improvement plan after exhausting
 3 this process, the Department of Education shall be notified of
 4 the need for assistance.

5 (c) Assistance and intervention.--

6 1. Develop a 2-year plan of increasing individualized
 7 assistance and intervention for each school in danger of not
 8 meeting state standards or making adequate progress, as
 9 defined pursuant to statute and State Board of Education rule,
 10 toward meeting the goals and standards of its approved school
 11 improvement plan.

12 2. Provide assistance and intervention to a school
 13 that is designated with a ~~identified as being in performance~~
 14 grade of category "D" pursuant to s. 1008.34 and is in danger
 15 of failing.

16 3. Develop a plan to encourage teachers with
 17 demonstrated mastery in improving student performance to
 18 remain at or transfer to a school with a ~~designated as~~
 19 ~~performance~~ grade of category "D" or "F" or to an alternative
 20 school that serves disruptive or violent youths. If a
 21 classroom teacher, as defined by s. 1012.01(2)(a), who meets
 22 the definition of teaching mastery developed according to the
 23 provisions of this paragraph, requests assignment to a school
 24 designated with a ~~as performance~~ grade of category "D" or "F"
 25 or to an alternative school that serves disruptive or violent
 26 youths, the district school board shall make every practical
 27 effort to grant the request.

28 4. Prioritize, to the extent possible, the
 29 expenditures of funds received from the supplemental academic
 30 instruction categorical fund under s. 1011.62(1)(f) to improve
 31 student performance in schools that receive a ~~performance~~

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1 grade ~~category designation~~ of "D" or "F."

2 (d) After 2 years.--Notify the Commissioner of
 3 Education and the State Board of Education in the event any
 4 school does not make adequate progress toward meeting the
 5 goals and standards of a school improvement plan by the end of
 6 2 years of failing to make adequate progress and proceed
 7 according to guidelines developed pursuant to statute and
 8 State Board of Education rule. School districts shall provide
 9 intervention and assistance to schools in danger of being
 10 designated with a ~~as performance grade of~~ category "F,"
 11 failing to make adequate progress.

12 (e) Public disclosure.--Provide information regarding
 13 performance of students and educational programs as required
 14 pursuant to ss. 1008.22 and 1008.385 and implement a system of
 15 school reports as required by statute and State Board of
 16 Education rule that shall include schools operating for the
 17 purpose of providing educational services to youth in
 18 Department of Juvenile Justice programs, and for those
 19 schools, report on the elements specified in s. 1003.52(19).
 20 Annual public disclosure reports shall be in an easy-to-read
 21 report card format and shall include the school's ~~student and~~
 22 ~~school performance~~ grade, high school graduation rate
 23 calculated without GED tests, disaggregated by student
 24 ethnicity, ~~category designation~~ and performance data as
 25 specified in state board rule.

26 (f) School improvement funds.--Provide funds to
 27 schools for developing and implementing school improvement
 28 plans. Such funds shall include those funds appropriated for
 29 the purpose of school improvement pursuant to s. 24.121(5)(c).

30 (17) LOCAL-LEVEL DECISIONMAKING.--

31 (d) Adopt policies that assist in giving greater

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1 autonomy, including authority over the allocation of the
 2 school's budget, to schools designated with a ~~as performance~~
 3 grade of category "A," making excellent progress, and schools
 4 rated as having improved at least two grades ~~performance grade~~
 5 ~~categories~~.

6 (18) OPPORTUNITY SCHOLARSHIPS.--Adopt policies
 7 allowing students attending schools that have been designated
 8 with a ~~as performance~~ grade of category "F," failing to make
 9 adequate progress, for 2 school years in a 4-year period to
 10 attend a higher performing school in the district or an
 11 adjoining district or be granted a state opportunity
 12 scholarship to a private school, in conformance with s.
 13 1002.38 and State Board of Education rule.

14 (22) REDUCE PAPERWORK AND DATA COLLECTION AND
 15 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.--Beginning with the 2006-2007 school
 16 year:

17 (a) Each district school board shall designate a
 18 classroom teacher to serve as the teacher representative to
 19 speak on behalf of the district's teachers regarding paperwork
 20 and data collection reduction.

21 (b) Each district school board must provide the school
 22 community with an efficient method for the school community to
 23 communicate with the classroom teacher designee regarding
 24 possible paperwork and data collection burdens and potential
 25 solutions.

26 (c) The teacher designee shall annually report his or
 27 her findings and potential solutions to the school board.

28 (d) Each district school board must submit its
 29 findings and potential solutions to the State Board of
 30 Education by September 1 of each year.

31 (e) The State Board of Education shall prepare a

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1 report of the statewide paperwork and data collection findings
 2 and potential solutions and submit the report to the Governor,
 3 the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
 4 Representatives by October 1 of each year.

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8 And the title is amended as follows:

9 On page 2, line 8, after the semicolon,

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11 insert:

12 requiring each district school board to appoint
 13 a classroom teacher to serve as the teacher
 14 representative to speak on behalf of the
 15 district's teachers regarding paperwork and
 16 data collection reduction; requiring the
 17 teacher designee to report his or her findings
 18 and potential solutions to the school board;
 19 requiring each school board to submit its
 20 findings and potential solutions to the State
 21 Board of Education by a specified date;
 22 requiring the State Board of Education to
 23 prepare a report of the statewide paperwork and
 24 data collection findings and potential
 25 solutions and submit the report to the Governor
 26 and the Legislature;

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