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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents
Florida College System Presidents

FROM: Kevin O’Farrell, Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education
Kathryn Hebda, Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges

DATE: August 17, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023-24 Prepping Institutions, Programs, Employers, and Learners through Incentives for Nursing Education (PIPELINE) Funds

The PIPELINE funding incentive program for districts and Florida College System (FCS) institutions is provided in Specific Appropriations 117 and 125 from the 2023 General Appropriations Act (Chapter 2023-239, Laws of Florida). Section (s.) 1009.897, Florida Statutes, rewards performance and excellence among public postsecondary nursing education programs. The PIPELINE provides for performance funds, subject to appropriation, based upon the following statutory guidelines:

- The number of nursing education program completers, by program.
- The first-time National Council of State Boards of Nursing Licensing Examination (NCLEX) passage rate of the institution’s nursing education program completers, by program.
- Excellence among nursing education programs with an average first-time NCLEX passage rate above the national average.

The 2023 General Appropriation Act (GAA) provided the following allocations to school districts and FCS institutions:

- \$20 million to school districts with licensed practical nursing programs based upon 2021-22 data sources for completion and 2021 licensure data.
- \$40 million to FCS institutions with licensed practical nursing and registered nursing programs based upon 2021-22 data sources for completion and 2021 licensure data.

For licensure data, the [2021 annual first time, U.S. Educated, Pass rate](#) was used. For practical nurses, the national average was 79.6 percent. For registered nursing, the national average was 78.8 percent. Data by institution are posted on the Florida Board of Nursing’s website at the following link: <https://mqa-internet.doh.state.fl.us/MQASearchServices/NursingPrograms>.

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The allocations by institution were provided in the specific appropriations in each sector's funding area in the GAA. Attached are two documents that provide background information on the specific calculations.

- Attachment 1 is a school district summary with allocations by district from Specific Appropriation 117. In this attachment, Table 1 shows the amounts calculated by the legislature for each school district career center. Table 2 shows the total allocation by district and category of funds.
- Attachment 2 is an FCS file with allocations for each institution and data used for the allocation, as calculated by the legislature, from Specific Appropriation 125.

While these funds are provided based upon recent performance in nursing education programs, the expenditure of these funds is not limited in the statute to nursing programs. Expenditures must abide by the state cost guidelines for the allowable use of funds. The following are non-allowable use of state funds: indirect costs, fixed capital outlay, renovation or remodeling. Agencies will be expected to report on the impact of these funds at the end of the fiscal year. Agencies will be provided with a direct transfer of funds in four increments each quarter which will allow for the efficient use of these resources to benefit your programs.

Should you have questions about this program, please submit them to the following email:
Pipeline@fldoe.org.

For school district allocation questions, contact Tara Goodman, Vice Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education, at Tara.Goodman@fldoe.org or 850-245-9001. Questions about Florida College System allocations may be directed to Clifford Humphrey, Executive Vice Chancellor, Division of Florida Colleges at Clifford.Humphrey@fldoe.org or 850-245-9439.

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Attachment

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Florida College System Workforce Administrators
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