STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF FLORIDA  
BOARD OF GOVERNORS  
Academic and Student Affairs Committee  
January 21, 2015

**SUBJECT:** SUS Developmental Research Schools 2013-2014 Annual Report

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**PROPOSED COMMITTEE ACTION**

For information

**AUTHORITY FOR BOARD OF GOVERNORS ACTION**

Article IX, Section 7, Florida Constitution

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

In the State University System, Developmental Research Schools (DRS) are housed at Florida A & M University, Florida Atlantic University, Florida State University, and the University of Florida. Each of the four K-12 schools is affiliated with its university College of Education and provides a laboratory for educational research, curriculum innovation, and educator training and development. Each school utilizes an admissions process that creates a student body that reflects the demographic diversity of the state’s school system. There is an emphasis on teaching the STEM subjects while incorporating a well-rounded program that includes the arts and athletics. University and school faculty collaborate with students on research projects that design and test systems aligned with Florida’s Department of Education policies and initiatives and bring instructional solutions to school districts throughout Florida.

Dr. Lynda Fender Hayes, Director of the University of Florida’s P.K. Yonge DRS, will summarize the 2013-14 Annual Report of research activities in the four schools and will highlight a few successful research projects and outcomes.

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**Supporting Documentation Included:**  
Florida’s Developmental Research Schools: The Future of Education in Practice  
2013-14 Annual Report

**Facilitators/Presenters:**  
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