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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

School District Contacts for English for Speakers of Other Languages

School District Assessment Contacts

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

**DATE:** November 15, 2019

SUBJECT: Amendment to Rule 6A-6.09091, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.),

Accommodations of the Statewide Assessment Program Instruments and

**Procedures for English Language Learners** 

The State Board of Education approved an amendment to Rule 6A-6.09091, F.A.C., on November 15, 2019, to allow recently exited English language learners (ELLs) to continue to receive accommodations for the statewide assessment program. The effect of this amendment is that ELLs exited from the ESOL program within two years, and therefore in the two-year follow-up period, coded LF in state data systems, could receive accommodations on the statewide assessment program as indicated in the Testing Administration Manuals. The rule revision becomes effective in December 2019.

Please ensure that your recently exited ELLs have the opportunity to receive accommodations on the statewide assessment program per this change. Thank you for all of your efforts to improve the academic outcomes of Florida's ELLs.

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