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TO: All Secondary Principals and Assistant Principals

FROM: Janis Andrews, Ed.D. J. Chief Academic Officer

SUBJECT: FY 13 CLOSING OF ALTERNATIVE TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL SUSPENSION (ATOSS) PROGRAM

The Department of Alternative Education/Dropout Prevention has previously offered the **Alternative to Out-of-School Suspension (ATOSS)** program to secondary students who were out-of-school suspended and assigned by their comprehensive school administrators. Due to budgetary constraints and district reorganization efforts, the program will no longer be offered to students for SY 13.

Closing of the program sites include:

Riviera Beach Preparatory and Achievement Academy – Building 3 7071 Garden Road Riviera Beach, FL 33404

St. John Missionary Baptist Church 900 North Seacrest Blvd. Boynton Beach, FL 33435

West Tech. Education Center 2625 State Road 715 Building 6 Belle Glade, FL 33430 Royal Palm Beach Center Osceola Creek Middle School 6775 180th Avenue North Loxahatchee, FL 33470

Please share this updated information with personnel at your school sites as well as parents and students who may inquire about the ATOSS Program option for the coming year. Additionally, the parent/guardian of any student whose suspension days carry over to ATOSS for SY 13 should be contacted regarding the unavailability of the program, as these students will be returning to their comprehensive schools at the conclusion of their suspension days.

Our department has been pleased to have offered ATOSS services to students across the district and has appreciated the support and partnership of secondary school administrators in the continuation of academic services for students. Any questions should be directed to the Contact Person listed above.

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E. Wayne Gent, Superintendent