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MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members
District School Superintendents
District Legislative Liaisons
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Public Information Officers
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FROM: Larry Metz, Legislative Committee Chair
Jerry Taylor, Legislative Committee Vice Chair
Wayne Blanton, Executive Director
Ruth Melton, Director of Legislative Relations

SUBJECT: Proposals for the FSBA 2009 Legislative Platform

The 2009 Legislative Session will convene on Tuesday, March 3 2009. In order to represent you appropriately in Tallahassee, we must begin to develop our legislative platform now. We have enclosed a table that outlines the process and time-line for adopting the FSBA Platform. We ask that you review it carefully and take note of the meetings and deadlines associated with this process.

The first step in this process is to gather your proposals for legislative changes that would impact public education statewide. You may submit as many proposals as you wish, however we ask that you submit each proposal on a **separate** proposal form. Please clearly and briefly state each proposal and include your rationale and any data or research that explains and/or supports your proposal. Proposals may be submitted by school board members, superintendents, or district staff members. However, each proposal **must** be approved by a school board member. A proposal form is enclosed and is also available on the FSBA website at www.fsba.org.

In order to be considered by the Legislative Platform Committee and the Legislative Committee, all platform proposals must be received in the FSBA office by **Monday, August 25, 2008**. Please send your proposals to Ruth Melton via U.S. mail to 203 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301, via fax to 850/414-2585, or via email to melton@fsba.org. **Please note** that any proposals submitted after the August 25, 2008 deadline will not be considered until the platform adoption meeting scheduled in October.

We look forward to receiving your proposals – they are vital to our legislative success. If you have any questions, please contact the FSBA office.

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