



## **February 2010 Board of Regents Information**

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### **Webcast 02/08/10 – 57 minutes**

<http://pointers.audiovideoweb.com/asxfiles-live/1c2winlive6542.asx>

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## **The Full Board discussed the following:**

### **Education**

- The Florida model of a “virtual district” and on-line course for high school
- Strategies for achieving the goals for P-12 Core Principles
- Early Childhood Learning Grants – strategies for the soon to be released applications
- Applications of technology in education students with disabilities
- Best Practices in the use of technology in schools: curriculum, web lessons, assessments
- Revised grade 3-8 testing schedules

### **Race To The Top**

The federal RTTT Grant site is:

<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/racetothetop/phase1-applications/index.html>

This site currently contains all state applications and will contain evaluation information in the future.

### **Cultural Education**

- Strategies to better use technology in libraries
- eBooks and other methods to provide information from state archives for use in school lessons

## **Funding**

- Much discussion at the main meeting and at committee meetings related to the governor's proposed 2010-11 budget and its impact on SED, local school districts, state archives, and libraries
- Increasing the scope of allowed shared regional services
- Seeking out funding and expertise from the private sector

## **Higher Education**

- Education of students with disabilities - related to teacher preparation
- Distance Learning in Colleges and for the Licensed Professions
- Adjustments to teacher preparation programs to be in line with the RTTT application
- Teacher Learning standards, especially in the area of applying technology
- Professor evaluation assessments

## **Other**

- A new Early Childhood Learning workgroup was formed
- Examining new computer systems at SED to better serve the 800,000+ professional people being licensed by SED