

INTRODUCTION

In 1982, the Florida Legislature and the Florida State Department of Education joined the Board of Regents of the State University System in the establishment of the Florida Institute of Education. The Institute is charged with planning and developing collaborative programs and activities among universities, community colleges, and public schools.

Over the past quarter century Florida has developed well structured public school, community college, and university systems. Now greater efforts are required to bring together the resources of these structures to provide the best possible educational opportunities for Florida's citizens.

This WORKING DRAFT is the result of dialogue concerning five questions critical to education in Florida. The five questions are:

- What should be the aims of the public schools of Florida?
- What should be the curriculum of Florida's schools?
- How should teachers be educated?
- What should be the nature of vocational education in Florida's schools?
- What should be the relationship between Florida's K-12 and postsecondary institutions?

Preliminary drafts were prepared by the authors identified with the papers. The papers were revised based on the discussion of the dialogue participants, whose names appear at the beginning of this document.

This draft is the result of their efforts with the goal of presenting this statement to the public for further discussion and definition.