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MEMORANDUM

TO: Commissioner Manny Diaz and Chancellor Ray Rodrigues

FROM: Chris Spencer, Director CMS
Office of Policy and Budget

SUBJECT: Higher Education Program and Activity Survey

DATE: December 28, 2022

As the Executive Office of the Governor prepares policy and budget proposals ahead of the 2023 Legislative Session, it is important that we have a full understanding of the operational expenses of state institutions. Governor Ron DeSantis has prioritized a cost-effective higher education system that delivers high quality service to Floridians to best prepare them for employment. Additionally, state law requires dutiful attention to curriculum content at our higher education systems as specified in sections 1000.05 and 1007.25 of the Florida Statutes.

To that effect, this letter is a request for information from the Department of Education and the State University System regarding the expenditure of state resources on programs and initiatives related to diversity, equity and inclusion, and critical race theory within our state colleges and universities.

Each Florida College System and State University System institution must complete the attached document to provide a comprehensive list of all staff, programs, and campus activities related to diversity, equity, and inclusion, and critical race theory. As part of this request, each institution must detail the below costs associated with the administration of each program or activity:

- Brief description of the program or activity;
- Positions, including full and partial FTE;
- Total funding spent to support the initiative; and
- Of the total spent to support the initiative, the amount that is state funded.

Please collect and submit all institutions' responses no later than Friday, January 13, 2023. Responses from each institution should be aggregated by your respective offices and submitted together to the Executive Office of the Governor Office of Policy and Budget.

I appreciate your assistance in this matter as we continue to work to provide our students with a world-class higher education.

Attachment