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Quality at Risk in Florida's Higher Education System

~Report calls for targeted investments in high priority areas including faculty and student support~

Tampa, FL- According to a report released today by ENLACE FLORIDA, Florida's university system is at or near capacity, accomplished and prestigious professors are leaving Florida, and likely reductions in university budgets in 2009 threaten to reduce the quality of a higher education system that today records the highest student to faculty ratio in the country. The group says Florida's push to increase production of bachelors' degrees is falling short and recommends that elected officials and university leaders focus not only on expanding access, but also on improving quality by targeting investments in student support services designed to increase student retention, and dedicating resources to faculty recruitment, retention, and research.

Read the full report at: http://usfweb2.usf.edu/EnlaceFl/At_risk_HigherEd.pdf

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