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New Report: FL Taxpayer's Return on Investment from Public Education
~ Report will also address the Socio-Economic Impact of the PreK-20 Education system~

Miami, FL- ENLACE FLORIDA, in partnership with The Washington Economics Group, Inc., will present and release a special report focusing on the Florida taxpayer's return on investment from public education in Florida. The new report will be presented and released on **Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 8:00am at the Sofitel Hotel** located on 5800 Blue Lagoon Drive in Miami. Presented by Dr. J. Antonio "Tony" Villamil, Dean for the School of Business, St. Thomas University and Senior Advisor to The Washington Economics Group, Inc., the report will quantify the economic and social impacts of Florida's public investment in education and the return on investment to Florida taxpayers. Immediately following the presentation, Florida Commissioner of Education Eric Smith, State Representative Anitere Flores, and State Representative Dan Gelber will each respond to the report findings followed by general Q & A.

A media availability call will be held immediately following the event to address questions about the new report. Conference Call Information is below.

Media Conference Call Information

Attending the Call: **Dr. J. Antonio Villamil, Dr. Eric Smith, Rep. Anitere Flores, Rep. Dan Gelber**

Date: 10/22/08

Time: 10:00am-10:30am

Call-In Number: 1-888-363-4734

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