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Panel L 4, *Outstanding Needs in States with Demand for Language*

A) Florida’s Chinese Language Explosion
   - K-12 and at University of Florida

B) Chinese LL faculty of UF & Florida’s K-12 Community
   - 2006 Statewide Survey
   - 2007 Statewide High School Competition
   - Collaboration with teacher organizations
   - Grant applications

C) Challenges of Florida Budget Crisis

D) Assistance from PRC Ministry of Education ("Hanban")
   and other donors

E) Planning Ahead
   - *Confucius Institute* application & connecting with
     south Florida
   - Certification program for UF majors in Chinese
     & teachers across the state / online courses
   - Articulation of high school & university programs
   - Public education & business seminars

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Chinese Programs (2006-07)
Florida K-12 Schools

- 16 counties—major cities listed on map
- 48 schools, of which
  - 27 teachers responded to UF survey
  - Most responding schools (59%) began program in 2006
  - Most teachers (52%) are not certified
- 22 schools reported total of 1299 students
  - K-5: 56%, 6-8th: 13%, 9th-12th: 31%
  - Almost all at 1st or 2nd yr level
  - Two schools offer 3rd yr / AP