

# FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



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## MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Jim Warford, K-12 Chancellor

SUBJECT: FASA Conference

The past 12 months have been particularly challenging for Florida's school leaders. Demands to meet the requirements of the No Child Left Behind Act, class size, an increasingly diverse student population, and issues related to school safety and security have greatly magnified the challenges that educational leaders face daily.

The attendance of educational leaders at the **Florida Association of School Administrators, Summer Conference in Marco Island** is important. This is an exceptional professional development opportunity hosted by FASA that I encourage you and your staff to take part in.

At the Summer Institute, FASA is providing the introduction to the first ESOL module for school-based administrators in response to the amended Consent Decree, which requires every school-based administrator to obtain 60 hours of ESOL training. The development of this course is the result of a partnership between the Department of Education, FASA, Canter and Associates and Santillana USA. I hope your district's school-based leaders will avail themselves to the ESOL opportunity, along with the many other timely topics from which to choose while at the conference.

As a superintendent, I know you support ongoing professional development for educational leaders. Thank you in advance for allowing the leadership in your district to attend this important event.

JIM WARFORD  
K-12 CHANCELLOR