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July 1, 2004

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Eligible School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Theresa A. Klebacha, Ph.D.

**SUBJECT:** Public Charter Schools Dissemination Grant Application 2004-2005

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The 2004-2005 Public Charter Schools Dissemination Grant Application has been included for your review and completion. Dissemination Grants are awarded to successful charter schools on a competitive basis to allow those schools to assist other schools in adapting a successful charter program or to allow the school to disseminate information about charter school best practices.

The following areas have been identified as focal points for the 2004-2005 Dissemination Grant:

- Improvements in student achievement;
- Parental satisfaction; or
- Management and leadership.

***Only charter schools which have been in operation for at least three consecutive years, have a school grade of "C" or higher for the 2003-04 school year, and made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for the 2003-04 school year may apply for this grant.***

Approximately \$2.1 million in funds has been allocated for the 2004-2005 Dissemination Grant. Grant awards will range from \$100,000 to \$200,000. No more than twenty charter school projects will be funded for the 2004-2005 grant cycle. Approximately 22 schools are eligible to apply for a Dissemination Grant, through their local sponsor. Consistent with federal and state grant guidelines and procedures, the grant application must be signed by the superintendent/agency head and charter school agency head prior to the application being submitted to the Florida Department of Education.

**THERESA A. KLEBACHA, Ph.D.**  
*Executive Director*  
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The Florida Department of Education, Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, will sponsor a workshop on Thursday, July 29, 2004, in Orlando. The purpose of the workshop will be to answer questions or concerns regarding the requirements of the Request for Proposal (RFP) of the Dissemination Grant. There will be more information regarding the workshop sent to you under separate cover.

TK/nsb

Enclosures

c: District Charter School Contacts  
Eligible Charter Schools