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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Jim Warford

DATE: August 9, 2004

SUBJECT: **INVITATION TO MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL HIV/AIDS AND PREGNANCY PREVENTION WORKSHOPS: *"PROMOTING PREVENTION TOGETHER"***

The Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Schools Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) is sponsoring fall workshops on human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and pregnancy prevention for teachers, school nurses, Department of Health personnel, school social workers, and parents, titled *Promoting Prevention Together*. These workshops will be offered on **September 30, 2004, in Pensacola, at the University of West Florida Conference Center, and October 7, 2004, in Tallahassee, at the Leon County Civic Center, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The workshops are offered in collaboration with school districts, the American Red Cross, Campfire U.S.A., and the Florida Department of Health Abstinence Projects. The purpose of this project is to provide training in various prevention curricula, instructional strategies, and

classroom activities. Participants will learn about community and teaching resources to supplement their school-based programs, and the latest instructional strategies for HIV/AIDS/STD prevention and human sexuality training. Additionally, a special session titled *Birds, Bees, and Butterflies in Your Stomach* is being offered for parents to prepare them to speak with their children about human sexuality.

District health coordinators, life management skills teachers, health education teachers, school nurses, school social workers, staff from the local health departments, and parents are encouraged to participate. School districts will be reimbursed for the substitutes of teachers who attend these workshops, if needed. The workshops will be limited to the first 150 participants registering for each location. Certificates of attendance will be provided to participants who wish to apply for Continuing Education Units (CEU) or in-service points through their local area offices or school boards.

Please find attached a tentative agenda, a registration form, and an invoice for teacher substitutes. **The registration form should be submitted via fax by September 20, 2004, to (850) 245-5116 or e-mail to CSHPRegistration @fldoe.org.** The teacher substitute form must be submitted by fax after attending the workshop.

We look forward to sharing ideas and exchanging information through this important prevention project. Should you have any questions, please contact Faye Johnson, Program Director, Office of Safe and Healthy Schools, CSHP, or Ksena Zipperer, Program Specialist, CSHP.

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Attachments

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