

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



JOHN L. WINN
Commissioner of Education



October 14, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Contacts
Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program (DHETP)

FROM: Ava Byrne

SUBJECT: DISTRICT CONTACTS MEETINGS

The Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program is about to undergo some very exciting processing changes. In addition to working with National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS) staff to develop a more efficient system for processing candidate applications, we are working to streamline state processes as well. We are hopeful that we will be able to implement these new processes beginning December 1, 2004.

The Bureau will be hosting two "drive-in" meetings in November to discuss all of the DHETP processes. Included below is logistical information relevant to these meetings. We have planned the agenda to enable you to drive-in to the meeting and return home the same day. Unfortunately, we will not be able to pay for any travel expenses.

Monday, November 15, 2004 - Tallahassee

The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. in Room 1703-07 of the Turlington Building. The address of the building is 325 West Gaines Street. No meals will be provided, but there is a cafeteria on the 1st floor that has a daily breakfast and lunch, as well as vending machines. There is metered parking all along the perimeter of the building. Should you require overnight accommodations you may contact Comfort Suites which is located at 1026 Apalachee Parkway. The reservations number is 850-224-3200. Ask for the government rate of \$89 plus tax per night.

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Tuesday, November 16, 2004 - Kissimmee

The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Ramada Plaza Hotel which is located at 7470 Highway 192 West in Kissimmee. No meals will be provided, but there is a deli located in the hotel. Parking is complimentary. Should you require overnight accommodations, you may contact the Ramada at 1-800-327-9170 for reservations. The room rate is \$69.00 plus tax per night.

The presenters for these meetings will include Amy Combs, DHETP Coordinator, who will provide an overview of how applications and bonuses will be processed at the state level in the future. Also, Amber Parker from NBPTS will be in attendance and will provide an overview of how Florida applications will be processed by NBPTS. She will also discuss what is on the horizon for NBPTS. In addition, there will be an opportunity for you to ask any specific processing questions that you would like to discuss.

Please complete the attached RSVP form and email to Amy Combs at Amy.Combs@fldoe.org or fax to 850-245-0435 by November 5th. You may attend whichever meeting is most convenient for you.

We look forward to your attendance at these meetings and to the continued success of this program.

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Attachment