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May 25, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: John L. Winn, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Professional Development for Charter School Staff

As we approach the end of the 2004-05 school year, I would like to remind you that pursuant to Title II, Part A of the No Child Left Behind Act, 20 U.S.C. 6601 et. seq. and 20 U.S.C. 7221b.(b)(2)(B), charter school staff in your school district are to be included in appropriate professional development activities taking place over the summer months. As part of Florida's public school system, charter school staff should have access to district-sponsored professional development unless alternative arrangements are specified and mutually agreed to in the charter contract. For Florida to continue to lead the nation in rising student achievement, it is important that we reach as many teachers as possible through professional development activities.

Please contact Karen Bennett, charter school specialist in the Office of Independent Education and Parental Choice, if you have questions or concerns about this memorandum. She may be reached at 850-245-0502 or karen.bennett@fldoe.org.

JLW/pm

cc: District Professional Development Directors
District Charter School Contacts
Charter School Administrators