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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: December 9, 2005

SUBJECT: **Invitation to Middle and High School HIV/AIDS and Pregnancy Prevention Workshop: "*Promoting Prevention Together*" in Panama City, Florida**

The Department of Education's Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP) in the Office of Safe and Healthy Schools is sponsoring a winter workshop for teachers, school nurses, Department of Health personnel, school social workers, parents, and students, titled "***Promoting Prevention Together.***" This workshop will be offered on **January 18, 2006, in Panama City, Florida, at Gulf Coast Community College Conference Center, 5230 West U.S. Highway 98, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., central time.**

The workshop is offered in collaboration with school districts, Bay County Health Department, Florida Department of Health Abstinence Projects, North East Florida Education Consortium,

and Big Bend Area Health Education Center. The purpose of this workshop is to provide training in abstinence education, human sexuality, HIV/STD, and pregnancy prevention education, instructional strategies, and classroom activities.

District health coordinators, school district instructional staff, school nurses, school social workers, staff from 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 workshop will be limited to the first 125 participants who register. Certificates of attendance will be provided to participants who wish to apply for Continuing Education Units.

Area high school students, with their parents' permission, may also attend this workshop. A keynote presentation for youth will be presented by Dr. Stephen Fallon. Dr. Fallon is an award winning, nationally published science and editorial writer. For additional information concerning Dr. Fallon, click on http://www.skills4.org/. There will also be an afternoon session designed for youth. School districts will be responsible for providing transportation and collecting field trip permission forms for students who attend the workshop.

Please find attached an agenda and an invoice for teacher substitutes. The teacher substitute form must be submitted by fax to the Florida Department of Education's Coordinated School Health Program after the workshop at (850) 245-5116. You may register for this workshop by clicking on the link below and following the prompts. Deadline for registration is January 11, 2006 (http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=46811464518).

We look forward to sharing ideas and exchanging information through this important prevention project. Should you have any questions, please contact Rachel Purcell, with North East Florida Education Consortium, at (386) 329-3800, or Ksena Zipperer, Program Specialist, or Penny Detscher, Educational Program Director, Coordinated School Health Program, at (850) 245-0480.

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Attachments

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District Student Service Directors
County Health Department School Health Coordinators
Coordinated School Health Program Partners Project Schools
Florida Department of Education HIV/AIDS Education Advisory Council Member
Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinators