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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Betty Coxe BC

DATE: August 8, 2002

SUBJECT: The Sunshine State Scholars Recognition Program in Mathematics and Science

Again this year, a group of higher education and public school educators will conduct the Sunshine State Scholars Program. This program was initiated in 1997 to recognize excellence in mathematics and science among high school seniors in Florida. Enclosed is a list of the program's steering committee members for 2002-2003.

During the fall of 2002, each school district is invited to select the single District Scholar in mathematics/science who will represent them in this recognition program. This scholar must be a graduating senior who is distinguished in both mathematics and science. The procedure for selecting the scholar is left to the discretion of the district. Districts will notify program coordinators of the District Scholar by November 20, 2002. Each District Scholar must be available to participate in the regional competition in January, 2003, and if selected as a Regional Scholar, to compete in the statewide competition in March, 2003.

On Thursday, January 9, 2003, the district scholars in each region of the state will participate in a common mathematics/science assessment to identify the six Regional Sunshine State Scholars.

The regions are the six regions mirrored by those of the Area Centers for Educational Enhancement. A team of mathematics and science professors will develop the assessment activities, which will be correlated to the Sunshine State Standards. After the assessment, the activities will become available through the Sunshine State Scholars web site located at www.unf.edu/dept/sunshine, and will be shared with educators throughout the state.

On March 9-11, 2003, the six regional scholars will meet in Tallahassee to participate in a challenging, multi-faceted assessment focusing on mathematics and science, for the purpose of identifying the Statewide Sunshine State Scholar in Mathematics and Science. All regional Scholars and the Statewide Scholar will receive prizes and recognition at this event. Further information on the Scholars Program and on previous years' assessments is available at the web site.

Enclosed is the Sunshine State Scholars Program District Reporting Form to be used to identify the scholar from your district. The completed form should be sent by November 20, 2002, to:

Ms. Renee Henry
2981 Blairstone Street
Tallahassee, FL 32301
Tel: 850/878-2563
Fax: 850/878-4707

Ms. Henry may be contacted for further information.

BC: mwt

Enclosures

cc: Assistant Superintendent for Instruction
District Mathematics Contacts
District Science Contacts

DISTRICT SCHOLAR

SUNSHINE STATE SCHOLAR
DISTRICT REPORTING FORM

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Tallahassee, FL 32301
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Please complete the following information for the student named as the District Sunshine State Scholar for your school district.

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District | District Scholar

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Name | Address

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Principal | School Phone Number | School Fax Number

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Scholar's Home Address

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Home Phone Number | Florida Student Number ID | Social Security Number

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E-mail Address | T-Shirt Size Preferred (S, M, L, XL)

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Parent/Guardian Name | Phone Number

Name and address of local newspaper: _____

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Submitted by: _____ _____
Print or type name | Signature

Title: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

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