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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Florida School District Superintendents  
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**FROM:** Commissioner John L. Winn

**SUBJECT: 2006 TALENT POOL RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The State of Florida maintains a file of emerging classroom leaders that consists of a cadre of distinguished teachers and principals. These educators may be considered for membership on advisory boards and task forces, as well as candidates for special recognition programs. Your recommendations will identify educators who will be of great value to your community and state and who may also ultimately receive prestigious recognition.

We are very fortunate to have a rich base of veteran educators represented in our current talent pool. They have been and continue to be a valuable resource in our state efforts. However, we would like to add to our list educators relatively new to the profession who demonstrate unusual instructional and leadership ability. Such persons exhibit strong potential for professional leadership and inspiring presence that impacts students, colleagues, and community.

I am sure you have had the opportunity to work with a relatively new educator who is illustrative not only of our state's, but the nation's best in teaching, distinguishing him/herself above and beyond established top-quality professionals in many of our schools. In most cases we are looking for classroom teachers with a minimum of five years in education, who are recognized by peers and supervisors as unique in their professional growth. Principals and specialists are also sometimes needed. Previous recognition is not required. In fact, of special interest are educators who are outstanding but have not received other recognition

Please provide CONFIDENTIAL, succinct, and specific information regarding one to three candidates on the attached form. All questions must be answered, preferably typewritten. Please include a one-page narrative with this form that addresses how the candidate meets the criteria mentioned in this letter, and also a resume from his/her personnel file. **We ask that you keep this recommendation confidential and do not share it with the individual.** I urge you to take the time to recommend candidates. If necessary, please assign the request to an associate. Complete information must be sent by Monday, May 1, 2006 to: Bonita H. Hampton, Florida Department of Education, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 126, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0400.

Thank you for your assistance.

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