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## MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 2006

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

**SUBJECT:** 2006-07 Title II, Teacher and Principal Training and Recruiting Fund Application

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Florida's mission is to "increase the proficiency of all students within one seamless, efficient system, their knowledge and skills through learning opportunities and research valued by students, parents and communities". The activities to choose from within the Title II, Part A Program allows districts to focus implementation of programs where the need is the greatest.

The additional requirement specified for 2003-04 remains for this program in school year 2006-07. This requirement is that not less than 10 percent of the district's allocation must be spent on training in support of Florida's reading initiative, Just Read, Florida! Each applicant is asked to describe how the activities in this project will support the reading initiative, consistent with the *Reading Program Specifications* for Just Read, Florida! These specifications can be found at <http://www.justreadflorida.com>. Further, to assist our failing schools with mathematics coaches, these funds are now required based on the 2005-06 School Performance Grading System to hire a school-based mathematic coach for each identified F school. Coaches employed with these funds must have a minimum of a bachelor's degree with appropriate Florida teacher certification, preferably with advanced coursework at the Master's degree level or higher, and in-depth mathematics content knowledge.

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We strongly encourage you to first meet the No Child Left Behind requirement of assisting teachers in becoming highly qualified prior to hiring teachers from this fund source. These activities, as all other professional development activities, must meet the definition of professional development activities described in section 9101(34) of the No Child Left Behind Act. Specifically, this means that the professional development activities must be comprised of more than a single-day workshop or conference.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Peggy Primicerio via email at [peggy.primicerio@fldoe.org](mailto:peggy.primicerio@fldoe.org) or call 850-245-0734.

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