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MEMORANDUM

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TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

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SUBJECT: ***i-SAFE*** **AMERICA INC. INTERNET SAFETY EDUCATION AND TRAINING AVAILABLE FOR FLORIDA SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

The Internet has dramatically changed the world and impacted lives. We help students keep up with advances in technology, but we also need to help them stay safe online. *i-SAFE* America Inc. is partnering with the Florida Department of Education and other educators around the country to provide a prevention-oriented Internet safety education program for students in grades K-12, which includes **FREE** professional development, K-12 curriculum, and resources for parents and the community at large. The *i-SAFE* project is funded by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice.

Participation in the *i-SAFE* Professional Development Program will prepare educators and law enforcement professionals to:

- educate students in the classroom on Internet safety concepts and practices
- expand the program in their school district by conducting in-house *i-SAFE* professional development programs
- discuss with parents and community leaders the need for Internet safety and provide them with practical safety tips

i-SAFE America Inc. is a non-profit foundation whose mission is to educate and empower youth to safely and responsibly take control of their Internet experience. The program provides awareness and knowledge that enables the students to recognize and avoid dangerous, destructive, or unlawful online behavior and to respond appropriately. Below is the link to the *i-SAFE* America Inc. website:

http://isafe.org/

In an effort to educate schools, *i-SAFE* America Inc. training is available and open, free of charge, to school district personnel. Those completing the training will become *i-SAFE* certified Train-the-Trainers. The trainer has the ability to teach others to teach the *i-SAFE* curriculum.

We encourage you to take advantage of this training opportunity. If you have any questions or would like to host *i-SAFE* training in your district, please contact Shari Moore, Educational Program Manager, Office of Safe and Healthy Schools.

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cc: Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators