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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: John L. Winn

SUBJECT: 2006 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership

On behalf of the Florida Department of Education, I would like to personally thank those of you who participated in the 2006 Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership. We honor this elite group of school administrators who are recognized for their exemplary contributions to Florida's students, schools, and communities. Through their innovative leadership and dedication to academic excellence, Florida's schools have increased student performance and established safe learning environments for our children.

This year, 26 districts participated in the Principal Achievement Award for Outstanding Leadership program. The task of identifying regional winners in each category from the extraordinary nominees submitted was very challenging. The nominees were judged on their accomplishments in increasing student performance levels, establishing community partnerships and parental involvement, providing assistance for at-risk and special needs students, and developing innovative strategies that have had a positive impact on the school and learning environment. The selection committee included principals, assistant principals and teachers from around the state.

The state winners will be announced at the Commissioner's Summit for Principals, hosted by the Florida Department of Education and the Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA). This annual event, which will be held in Tampa, Florida, on September 13-14, is also our venue to honor all of the outstanding nominees, provide networking opportunities, share common ideas, and gain insight regarding best practices from national education leaders. We are proud to announce the regional finalists listed on the following page. ***If you submitted an individual who was selected as a regional finalist, please strongly encourage him or her to attend this event.***

Once again, thank you for your continued participation in this important recognition program. If you have any questions regarding our programs or the upcoming event, please feel free to contact Bonita Hampton at (850) 245-0544 or via email at Bonita.Hampton@fldoe.org.