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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Exceptional Student Education Directors

**FROM:** Bambi J. Lockman

**SUBJECT: READING AND LANGUAGE ARTS SUNSHINE STATE STANDARDS ACCESS POINTS TRAINING MATERIALS**

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The State Board of Education (SBE) adopted the revised Reading and Language Arts Sunshine State Standards on January 25, 2007. These standards include grade level benchmarks for general education and access points for students with significant cognitive disabilities at three levels of complexity: Independent, Supported, and Participatory. You may download a copy from the Department's Web site at <http://flstandards.org>.

We are pleased to share a complete set of materials that may be used by districts for professional development. The goal of the three-part workshop is to help educators who serve students with significant cognitive disabilities learn about the new Reading and Language Arts Sunshine State Standards (SSS) and Access Points adopted by the SBE. The workshop content enabled participants to examine the content and organization of the access points, make connections with the access points and their current curriculum, and learn a systematic process for determining the appropriate level of access points for individual students.

All files are downloadable from the Teaching Resources for Florida's Exceptional Student Education Web site at <http://www.cpt.fsu.edu/ese>, created by the Accommodations and Modifications for Students with Disabilities Project at the Learning Systems Institute at Florida State University.

Staff from the project are available to provide technical assistance regarding dissemination and implementation to districts, Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System Associate Centers, or other groups. Please contact the Project Director, Dr. Marty Beech, by telephone at (850) 921-0687 or by electronic mail at [mbeech@lsi.fsu.edu](mailto:mbeech@lsi.fsu.edu) if you have any questions.

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