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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Assistant Superintendents for Curriculum

FROM: Mary Jane Tappen

DATE: May 25, 2007

SUBJECT: APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATION IN ACADEMIC YEAR 2007-08 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT BY FCR-STEM IN THE CONTENT ENHANCEMENT PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE

I am pleased to announce that the Florida Center for Research in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (FCR-STEM) is requesting applications from Florida middle grades schools and high schools to participate in a professional development program related to Content Enhancement Routines. Content Enhancement Routines were developed by the Center for Research on Learning at the University of Kansas (<http://www.ku-crl.org/sim/content.shtml>). Routines are available for planning and leading student learning; exploring text, topics, and details; teaching concepts; and increasing performance on assignments and assessments. These routines will include instructional methods to teach Florida's new mathematics and science standards. Preliminary results in Seminole and Palm Beach Counties confirm that large-scale implementation of these routines produce substantial gains in student achievement.

For this initiative, FCR-STEM invites middle and high schools in Florida where instructional leaders and all math and/or science teachers commit to participate in the professional development and implementation during the 2007-08 school year. Academies and schools-within-schools are also eligible to apply.

MARY JANE TAPPEN
*Deputy Executive Director
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The following items are attached for you to use as needed:

- Information about the Content Enhancement Professional Development Initiative
- Information about Content Enhancement Routines
- An application for schools to apply to participate in this program

There are no financial costs to the school or to the district. Applications should be submitted to FCR-STEM no later than June 30, 2007. If you have additional questions, please contact Todd Clark at todd.clark@fldoe.org (850) 245-0764 or Dr. Marty Beech at mbeech@lsi.fsu.edu (850) 921-0687.

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