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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Jeanine Blomberg

**DATE:** August 6, 2007

**SUBJECT:** **Invitation to Get Real About AIDS Curriculum Training**

The Department of Education's Coordinated School Health Program (CSHP), Office of Healthy Schools, HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Program is sponsoring a fall train-the-trainer workshop on *Get Real about AIDS*, an evidence-based, proven effective HIV/AIDS Prevention Education Curriculum. *Get Real about AIDS* is available to all schools that subscribe to Discovery Health Connection through Discovery Education. This training will give participants the opportunity to learn how to access and use the curriculum through the Discovery Health Connection Web site, but training will also include the use of the hard copy version of the curriculum. The training is being offered to teachers, school nurses, and local health department personnel. This is a one day workshop, but will be offered on both **October 18 and 19, 2007. The workshop will be held at Nova Southeastern University's Computer Lab, 4850 Millenia Blvd., Orlando, Florida from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

The purpose of this workshop is to provide training in HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention education, and instructional strategies. Professional development workshops such as these further promote high quality instruction in this critical area outlined in Section 1003.46, Florida State Statute, *Health Education; Instruction in Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome*:
*(1) Each district school board may provide instruction in acquired immune deficiency syndrome education as a specific area of health education. Such instruction may include, but is not limited*

*to, the known modes of transmission, signs and symptoms, risk factors associated with acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and means used to control the spread of acquired immune deficiency syndrome. The instruction shall be appropriate for the grade and age of the student and shall reflect current theory, knowledge, and practice regarding acquired immune deficiency syndrome and its prevention.*
*(2) Throughout instruction in acquired immune deficiency syndrome, sexually transmitted diseases, or health education, when such instruction and course material contains instruction in human sexuality, a school shall:*
*(a) Teach abstinence from sexual activity outside of marriage as the expected standard for all school-age students while teaching the benefits of monogamous heterosexual marriage.*
*(b) Emphasize that abstinence from sexual activity is a certain way to avoid out-of-wedlock pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome, and other associated health problems.*
*(c) Teach that each student has the power to control personal behavior and encourage students to base actions on reasoning, self-esteem, and respect for others.*
*(d) Provide instruction and material that is appropriate for the grade and age of the student.*

Each workshop will be limited to the first 25 participants who register. Certificates of attendance will be provided to participants who wish to apply for Continuing Education Units.

School districts will be reimbursed for teacher substitutes who attend these workshops, if needed. Please find attached an agenda and an invoice for teacher substitutes. The teacher substitute form must be submitted by fax to the Florida Department of Education's Coordinated School Health Program after the workshop at (850) 245-5116.

We look forward to sharing ideas and exchanging information through this important prevention project. For additional information regarding this workshop please contact Ksena Zipperer, Program Specialist, CSHP, at (850) 245-9952 or by e-mail at ksena.zipperer@fldoe.org.

**Registration Information**
You may register for this workshop by clicking on the link for the day you wish to attend and following the prompts.

Get Real About AIDS Training - October 18, 2007

Get Real About AIDS Training - October 19, 2007

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Attachments

cc: District Health Education Coordinators
District Health Services Coordinators
District Student Service Directors
Florida Department of Education HIV/AIDS Education Advisory Council Members
Safe and Drug Free Schools Coordinators