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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

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SUBJECT: THE 2008 EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES INSTITUTE ON DROPOUT PREVENTION: GET MOVING TOWARD VICTORY LANE – GRADUATES ARE WINNERS

In support of the Florida Department of Education's goal to increase the proficiency of all students, we are pleased to announce a professional development opportunity for district administrators, teachers, student services personnel, and program coordinators who provide services to students at risk of not graduating from high school.

The 2008 Effective Strategies Institute theme is *Get Moving Toward Victory Lane – Graduates are Winners*. The Institute will be held January 15-18, 2008, at the Hilton Daytona Beach Oceanfront Resort in Daytona Beach, Florida. The Institute is sponsored by the National Dropout Prevention Center/Network (NDPC), the Florida Department of Education, 21st Century Community Learning Centers of Florida, the University of Florida, Communities in Schools of Florida, Inc., and the Florida Association of Alternative School Educators.

The Institute will feature three nationally renowned keynote speakers, including Dr. Krystal Kuykendall and U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel (Retired) Consuelo Kickbush. There will be over 60 workshops representing district, state, and national research-based instructional strategies and best practices in dropout prevention and Exceptional Student Educational programs. The Institute will also feature four pre-conference workshops, including one which addresses strategies for enhancing the leadership skills of parents of at-risk students.

To register and submit proposals for presentation, please visit the National Dropout Prevention Center website at the following link: <http://www.dropoutprevention.org/ndpcdefault.htm>, and click on "2008 Effective Strategies Institute." The registration fee is \$195.00 before December 21, 2007. After that date, the registration fee will be \$225.00. Institute attendees are encouraged to make room reservations at the host hotel by December 31, 2007, to obtain the conference rate of \$134.00 per night.

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