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February 18, 2008

Dear Superintendent:

The **Florida Department of Education (FLDOE)** is pleased to announce an outstanding leadership learning opportunity for this Spring. Opportunities are available for two regional **Assistant Principal Leadership Forums** through the Department's *William Cecil Golden (WCG) Professional Development Program for School Leaders*. These dynamic forums will each provide two days of superior leadership development for Assistant Principals. Additional generous sponsorship is provided by Council for Educational Change partners who support the Forums including: **Publix Super Markets Charities, Inc., Carnival Cruise Lines, and the Lennar Foundation**

The Council for Educational Change will conduct the Assistant Principal Leadership Forums, now in their fourth year, on behalf of the FLDOE, with the same high quality leadership learning evident in their successful former Forums and Florida Leadership Academies. We strongly encourage participation by your district in the appropriate regional Forum. The Forum dates and locations:

April 17, 18: FORUM 1, Orlando, Embassy Suites Orlando North, Altamonte Springs
May 1, 2: FORUM 2, Jacksonville, Embassy Suites, Jacksonville

Participation is limited. Opportunities cover the cost of program instruction, materials, technology, and lunch. Travel and accommodation costs are not covered by the opportunity.

Some Assistant Principal Leadership Forum features include:

- Exposure to the professional development opportunities through the WCG Professional Development Program for School Leaders
- All training and support fully aligned with Florida Leadership Standards
- Development of a "reentry" plan to apply Forum learning to school improvement efforts
- Mentors who work with participants and participant groups
- Interactive presentations by nationally renowned presenters
- Success Strategies for Instructional Leadership
- Networking opportunities with other educational leaders

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The Council has considerable experience delivering excellent professional development activities including the 2004 National Assistant Principal Leadership Academy, the 2003 - 2007 Florida Leadership Academies, and the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Assistant Principal Leadership Forums. All received high marks from independent evaluators and rave reviews from participants.

The Council is sending you more detailed information about the Forum and how to access your opportunities, under the signature of Council Executive Director, Dr. Elaine Liftin. Please be on the lookout for this information and/or contact the Council at 954.727.9909 or toll free at 1.866.268.0250 to access your opportunity or with any information requests. Only the Council will register applicants.

Again, we highly recommend your district's participation in this leadership opportunity.

Sincerely,

Dr. Eric Smith
Commissioner of Education