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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

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K12: 2008-36

SUBJECT: Requests for Proposals: Florida Learn & Serve Grants (Pilot Projects)

The Department of Education anticipates that federal funds will be available to public schools and school districts for K-12 service-learning projects for 2008-2009. Funding comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service and should be available for project awards effective September 1, 2008, for 11 months, contingent upon the timely release of federal funds to the state.

The Department is releasing this application package to allow adequate planning and development by districts and schools. The complete application packet may be found at <http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/apply/apply.html>. We anticipate awards will be announced in the summer after funds have been received by the state. At least \$100,000 will be available for Pilot Projects—one-year awards to new or previously unsuccessful applicants, with an option to reapply. Applicants may apply for up to \$7,500.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MAY 16, 2008.

The goal of Florida Learn & Serve is to engage K-12 students in service learning—school and/or community service activities that apply academic curricula and Sunshine State Standards—to improve academic performance, provide opportunities for civic engagement and career exploration, and address key needs in Florida communities.

DR. FRANCES HAITHCOCK
CHANCELLOR, K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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The proposal guidelines contain full details and instructions. There will also be a series of workshops on the fundamentals of service learning. The workshop schedule is listed on the Florida Learn & Serve Web site at www.fsu.edu/~flserve and is included as Attachment 5 in the Request for Proposals.

For further information, please contact Joe Follman, Florida Learn & Serve, at 850-488-9661 (SunCom 278-9661). An original grant application and five copies should be sent to:

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