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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exceptional Student Education Directors
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SUBJECT: Third Annual World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities

We are pleased to announce that the Third Annual World Congress and Exposition on Disabilities (WCD) will be held October 3–5, 2002, in Orlando. The mission of this event is to present a comprehensive forum that educates, informs, and provides useful exchange of ideas for all those involved in the care, development and treatment of people with disabilities and special health care needs. Special features include an employment symposium and pavilion, an assistive technology learning center, and a sports and recreation activity center.

This year's educational program will feature over 150 multi-disciplinary sessions designed to bring together all those involved in improving the quality of life for children and adults with disabilities. During the conference, information and ideas on current issues will be exchanged between people with disabilities, their families and caregivers, physicians, direct support professionals, allied health care professionals, educators, and adapted physical education specialists.

The WCD conference program is collaborating on a 50 session employment symposium with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) and other statewide provider/advocacy organizations. The purpose of this event is to provide people with disabilities and their families, educators and employers, and especially VR clients and counselors, with a forum for information exchange.

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This program will provide participants the opportunity to engage in various employment focused discussion sessions.

Conference information is available at <http://www.wcdexpo.com>.

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