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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Student Services Directors
High School Guidance Supervisors
High School Guidance Counselors
Community College Student Services Directors
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FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith

SUBJECT: 2008-09 *Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook*

More than ever, Florida students depend on guidance counselors for accurate information and careful academic planning. Students and parents count on current and accurate information from counselors regarding Florida's State University System admission requirements, 2+2 program and guaranteed articulation agreement, acceleration mechanisms, and other postsecondary transition options.

One valuable resource for counselors is the *Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook*. This publication, updated annually, provides a comprehensive reference guide to postsecondary education in Florida. Sections taken directly from the *Handbook* can be used as handouts at parent meetings, advising sessions, or as supplements to a school's own curriculum guide. The *Handbook* is available at www.FACTS.org, under Counselors and Educators > Advising Manuals.

We hope you find the 2008-09 *Florida Counseling for Future Education Handbook* helpful, and welcome your input for future improvements. The dedicated work of guidance counselors is greatly appreciated.

Best wishes for an outstanding academic year in Florida!

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