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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

SUBJECT: **FLORIDA'S RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION/INTERVENTION (RTI) WEB SITE ANNOUNCEMENT**

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The purpose of this memo is to announce Florida's Response to Instruction/Intervention Web site.

The Florida Department of Education seeks to provide a variety of up-to-date resources to support districts in the process of using Problem-Solving/Response to Intervention (PS/RtI) as the overarching framework to provide effective instruction and interventions for all learners.

The RtI Web site provides a central, comprehensive location for Florida-specific information and resources that promote school-wide practices to ensure highest possible student achievement in both academic and behavioral pursuits. The Web site includes breaking news related to RtI, a description of Florida's model, partnerships, contacts, resources, the statewide plan, and a direct link to online professional development.

Please visit the site at <http://www.florida-rti.org/index.htm> and share with district and school-based personnel via the attached announcement flyer provided for your convenience. For technical questions, contact the Florida Center for Interactive Media by telephone at (800) 357-1072 or by electronic mail at support@fcim.org.

We encourage districts to continue their collaborative and inclusive efforts toward building a seamless system that focuses on increased student outcomes. We welcome your questions and input as we move forward. For additional information, please contact Heather Diamond, Program Specialist, Florida Department of Education, by telephone at (850) 245-0478 or by electronic mail at heather.diamond@fldoe.org.

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