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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Frances Haithcock

DATE: April 20, 2009

SUBJECT: 2009-2012 TITLE X, PART C, EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROJECT GRANT: CALL FOR PROPOSALS

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We are pleased to inform you that the Department of Education will be awarding \$2,800,000 to eligible school districts for year one of a three-year grant for the education of homeless children and youth. This grant is available on a competitive basis to school districts that have identified at least 40 homeless students in 2007-2008 or 2008-2009. The deadline to submit the grant is May 22, 2009.

The grant funds must be used to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and academic success of homeless children and youth. Grant funds should be used to expand or improve services provided to homeless students as part of a school's regular academic program, but not to replace such services already provided by the district. The project should supplement the district's funding to ensure that homeless students have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including preschool education, as provided to other students, and to provide other supportive services that meet the specific needs of such students. The attached Request for Proposal provides detailed information.

If you have questions, please contact Lorraine H. Allen, Director, Homeless Education Program, at 850.245.9939, or via e-mail at Lorraine.Allen@fldoe.org. We appreciate your interest in this project and look forward to the implementation of outstanding programs for Florida's homeless students.

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Attachment

cc: District Homeless Education Liaisons

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