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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Michael Grego

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SUBJECT: 2011 EDUCATIONAL STRATEGIES & STUDENT ENGAGEMENT INSTITUTE

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The Florida Department of Education in conjunction with the National Dropout Prevention Center is pleased to announce the 2011 Educational Strategies & Student Engagement Institute. The Institute combines four previously separate conferences: The Effective Strategies Institute on Dropout Prevention, the School Attendance Symposium, the Juvenile Justice Education Institute, and Fall Leadership for School Volunteer Coordinators.

The theme for this year is *Complete the Journey: Paving a Path to Success*. The Institute will be held Nov. 7-10, 2011 at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront in St. Petersburg, FL. This event will provide a professional development opportunity for educational administrators, teachers, school social workers, attendance specialists, faith and community-based leaders, college administrators, volunteer coordinators, other student services personnel and program coordinators who provide services to students who are truant, at risk of not graduating from high school, and/or participating in Department of Juvenile Justice programs.

The Institute will provide a forum for sharing and promoting programs, research-based strategies, and best practices that positively impact school engagement and student achievement. The Institute will feature more than 80 workshops with topics that include dropout prevention; attendance & truancy prevention; juvenile justice education; teen parenting; student engagement; behavior & discipline; community partnerships;

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parental involvement; tutoring/mentoring; volunteer outreach; access to postsecondary and career & technical education; funding/resource issues; data quality; curriculum & instruction; service learning; exceptional student education and dropout retrieval.

The Institute will also feature three nationally renowned keynote speakers, including Judge Jeanine Pirro, John Hodge and Allen Mallory.

The **registration fee** for the Institute is \$205.00 if paid before Oct. 28, 2011. Institute attendees are encouraged to make room reservations at the host hotel by Oct. 15, 2011, to obtain the conference rate of \$112.00 per night. Hotel reservations can be made by calling 1-800-445-8667 and referencing the name of the meeting as **Educational Strategies & Student Engagement Institute**.

To register and/or submit a proposal to present, please visit the National Dropout Prevention Center website at the following link:

<http://www.dropoutprevention.org/conferences/2011-educational-strategies-student-engagement-institute>.

For questions regarding Dropout Prevention, please contact Tameka Thomas by phone at (850) 245-0845 or via email at Tameka.Thomas@fldoe.org or Dr. Kimberly Davis by phone at (850) 245-0551 or via email at Kimberly.Davis@fldoe.org. For questions regarding Student Support Services, please contact Gria Davison by phone at (850) 245-7837 or via email at gdavison@unf.edu; and, for questions regarding Department of Juvenile Justice Education, please contact Lisa Robinson by phone at (850) 245-0475 or via email at Lisa.Robinson@fldoe.org.

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