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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** Dr. Tony Bennett

**DATE:** March 15, 2013

**SUBJECT:** School Library Month 2013

I am pleased to announce Florida's observance of School Library Month in April 2013. Each year our school districts and Florida citizens take time to recognize the programs, services, and resources provided by school libraries. This celebratory month provides opportunities across the state to highlight school library contributions to Florida public education.

Research studies conducted in 19 states, including Florida, have found that school library programs make a measurable difference in student academic achievement. School library programs prepare students for lifelong learning and enhance their reading enjoyment. Additionally, School Library Month coincides with National Library Week that highlights the resources and contributions of all types of libraries.

Your support of activities planned by your district is needed to make School Library Month in Florida a success. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

If you have additional questions, please contact Katrina Figgett in the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction at (850) 245-0758 or by email at [Katrina.Figggett@fldoe.org](mailto:Katrina.Figggett@fldoe.org).

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Attachment

cc: Library Media Supervisors