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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
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FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: May 1, 2013

SUBJECT: Differentiated Accountability Regional Summer Academies

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The Florida Department of Education's Bureau of School Improvement is hosting Differentiated Accountability (DA) Regional Summer Academies for "DA targeted schools," which are those earning a grade of "F" or repeating grades of "D" in the most recent school grades release. The goal of the academies is to build capacity within leadership teams at targeted schools and their districts. Schools receiving a single grade of "D" in the most recent grades release, schools identified as persistently-low achieving (PLA) under the Race to the Top grant, and feeder schools for "F," "D," and PLA schools are also invited where space permits. Your regional executive director (RED) will contact you to confirm the list of invited schools in your district.

The academies are designed for principals, assistant principals, instructional coaches, department chairs, lead teachers and their district-level counterparts. Each school leadership team must include the school principal and all content-area instructional coaches. The district leadership team should include the direct supervisor for each attending school principal. Academies are not intended for new teachers or to serve as a pre-service activity for teachers.

The attached flyers include specific dates and locations for the DA academies in each region.

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Each academy will include the following modules:

1. DA Way of Work
2. Coaching Expectations
3. STEM/CTE Connection
4. Overcoming Learner Resistance
5. DA Instructional Elements
6. Common Core State Standards and FCAT 2.0 Mathematics
7. Common Core State Standards and FCAT 2.0 Science
8. Common Core State Standards and FCAT 2.0 Reading
9. Early Warning Systems
10. How to Move your Annual Measurable Objectives (AMOs)
11. Writing Across the Curriculum

The modules will infuse lesson study, data-based problem-solving, Response to Intervention/Instruction (RtI)/Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS), and Florida's Continuous Improvement Model (FCIM). Additionally, school and district teams will be given time each day to work together on their improvement plans.

District-approved school team members who register, attend all four days (each person must sign in and out each day), and are not under contract at the time of attendance, are eligible to receive a \$400 stipend for participating.

Registration opens today, May 1, 2013, at the following link:

<https://sites.google.com/site/dasummeracad2013/>. The name, title, content area and email address for each team member is required to complete registration. Each team member will receive a confirmation email upon submission of the online form.

We look forward to working with your teams this summer. If you have any questions, please contact your respective regional liaisons listed on the attached flyers or Elan Travis in the Bureau of School Improvement at Elan.Travis@fldoe.org.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this important professional development opportunity.

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Attachments