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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Tony Bennett

**DATE:** May 31, 2013

**SUBJECT:** **Commissioner's Leadership Academy**

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The Florida Department of Education (department), in partnership with the Council for Educational Change (CEC), is pleased to begin implementation of the second cohort of the Commissioner's Leadership Academy (academy). The academy is intended to enhance educator leadership by building on demonstrated skills. Ultimately, the academy seeks to produce education leaders who can better serve their districts, colleagues, and staff and support state efforts. Participants will also be better equipped to support local efforts to advance student achievement.

CEC has previously requested your nominations for this cohort, encouraging you to nominate the best and brightest school administrators, who have proven results in academic achievement. This is a wonderful opportunity to increase the leadership capacity in your district by identifying participants to engage in this program, which is specifically designed for taking leadership skills to the next level.

Criteria for selection into the academy will include, but not be limited to:

- Strong experience in school improvement
- School leadership in addition to administration
- Outstanding communication skills
- Ability to promote school culture and staff buy-in

I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity by nominating your most exceptional school administrator. Please be advised that participants who are accepted will be required to attend training activities resulting in their absence from their schools for five, non-consecutive, days during the 2013-14 school year.

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The department has contracted with CEC to manage the recruitment and training. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, you may contact Dr. Elaine Liftin. Please forward the names of your nominees no later than June 7, 2013, to:

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