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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: July 19, 2013

SUBJECT: Prohibition on Distribution of Harmful Materials to Minors on School Property

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In the 2013 legislative session, the Florida legislature passed, and Governor Scott signed into law, House Bill 113 related to harmful materials which made changes to Section 847.012, Florida Statutes (F.S.), effective October 1, 2013. The revised law prohibits an adult from distributing obscene materials as defined in Section 847.012(3), F.S., to minors on school property. Additionally, the revised law includes a definition of "school property" and excludes from the definition of "harmful materials" any "school-approved instructional materials that by design serve as a major tool for assisting in the instruction of a subject or course by school officers, instructional personnel, administrative personnel, school volunteers, educational support employees, or managers..."

To view the text of the new law, visit <http://laws.flrules.org/2013/75>.

For questions or technical assistance, please contact Brooks Rumenik via the email address or telephone number listed above.

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cc: District Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators
District Student Support Services Contacts

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