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MEMORANDUM

TO: Eligible School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: October 11, 2013

SUBJECT: **Healthy Schools Project**

The Florida Department of Education received Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) funding for Healthy Schools to promote Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance.

The Healthy Schools Project will provide professional development and technical assistance to 15 school districts with Abstinence-Plus or Comprehensive Health policies. There are 32 eligible districts for this opportunity. If selected, districts will receive training and resources to enhance safe and supportive environments, school health services, homeless education and exemplary sexual health education. The project will implement targeted activities to help districts and schools meet the prevention needs of the entire student population with a special emphasis on homeless students.

This five-year project is increasingly important. Specific county-level data can be found using the Florida Department of Health [CHARTS](#) system. In 2012, Florida teen (ages 13-19) data revealed:

- **682 HIV reported cases;**
- **27,052 STD reported cases; and**
- **15,950 births to teens.**

If you would like to be considered to receive these services, please contact Michelle L. Gaines, Florida Department of Education Healthy Schools at 850-245-0978 or Michelle.Gaines@fldoe.org by October 25, 2013.

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Thank you for your support of this five-year project.

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Attachments

cc: School District Curriculum Coordinators
School District Health Education Coordinators
School District Health Services
School District Homeless Education
School District Safe Schools