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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** School District Superintendents  
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**FROM:** Pam Stewart

**DATE:** November 1, 2013

**SUBJECT: 2015 Florida Department of Education-Macy's Teacher of the Year Nomination Packet Transmittal**

The Florida Department of Education-Macy's Teacher of the Year Program recognizes and honors outstanding classroom teachers who have demonstrated a superior capacity to inspire a love of learning in students of all backgrounds and abilities. Florida's public school system has made significant progress in student achievement, and research has shown that the most important factor in raising student achievement is the quality of the teacher. Recognizing teachers who make a difference in the lives of students is a priority for the Florida Department of Education. Therefore, we strongly encourage each district to participate in this prestigious recognition program.

The 2015 Florida Department of Education-Macy's Teacher of the Year nomination packet may be obtained on our website at the following link: <http://www.fldoe.org/profdev/yeartch.asp>. Please download the nomination packet, which includes the application; the nomination form; and information regarding eligibility, selection criteria and the procedure for designating a district nominee.

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The Florida Teacher of the Year and finalists will be chosen from the nominations received by the Florida Department of Education. The nomination packet includes an eligibility section which describes all staff who are eligible for participation in the program. The finalists and all District Teachers of the Year will be invited to attend the Florida Department of Education's Teacher of the Year Roundtable and the Gala Awards Ceremony sponsored by Macy's.

Thank you for your continued support of this program. We look forward to receiving the nomination materials for your district's nominee no later than **Monday, March 3, 2014**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Bonita Hampton via email at [Bonita.Hampton@fldoe.org](mailto:Bonita.Hampton@fldoe.org).

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