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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

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SUBJECT: 2014 Differentiated Accountability Regional Summer Academies

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The Bureau of School Improvement (BSI) is pleased to announce the 2014 Differentiated Accountability (DA) Regional Summer Academies. The purpose of the academies is to build capacity for continuous improvement within school and district leadership teams and support the transfer of learning and strategic planning into effective implementation.

The intended audience is drawn from three types of schools: 1) “DA-targeted,” which are traditional public schools earning a grade of “D” or “F” in the most recent school grades release; 2) any school that was identified in the Elementary and Secondary Education Act flexibility waiver as “Priority” or “Focus;” and 3) feeder pattern schools for the first two categories. However, all districts are invited to bring additional schools where space permits.

Each school team should include, at a minimum, the school principal, content-area instructional coaches and other key stakeholders in the development and monitoring of the School Improvement Plan, such as department chairs. To facilitate the alignment of district support and resources for school-level planning and problem solving, **districts with participating schools are expected to send a team as well.** District leadership teams should include, at a minimum, the direct supervisor(s) of attending school principals and other key stakeholders in the development of the District Improvement and Assistance Plan, such as curriculum specialists, professional development coordinators, Title I coordinators, Response to Intervention specialists and Multi-tier System of Supports liaisons.

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District school improvement contacts and turnaround leads will be notified about additional details (e.g., dates, locations, registration process and agendas) as they are posted in the coming weeks to the BSI online toolkit located at <https://www.flisiponline.com/downloads>. Meanwhile, if you have any questions regarding DA Summer Academies, please contact your respective regional executive director or Élan Travis in the BSI at Elan.Travis@fldoe.org.

Thank you in advance for your commitment to this important professional development opportunity. We look forward to working with your teams this summer!

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cc: Differentiated Accountability Regional Executive Directors
School District School Improvement Contacts
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