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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Hershel Lyons

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**SUBJECT: School Library Month 2016**

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I am pleased to announce Florida's observance of School Library Month in April 2016. Each year, our school districts and Florida citizens take time to recognize the programs, services and resources provided by school libraries. This celebratory month provides opportunities across the state to highlight school library contributions to Florida public education.

Research studies conducted in 19 states, including Florida, have found that school library programs make a measurable difference in student academic achievement. School library programs prepare students for lifelong learning and enhance their reading enjoyment. Additionally, School Library Month coincides with National Library Week, which highlights the resources and contributions of all types of libraries.

Your support of activities planned by your district is needed to make School Library Month in Florida a success. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

If you have additional questions, please contact Cathy Seeds in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support at 850-245-0903 or by email at [Cathy.Seeds@fldoe.org](mailto:Cathy.Seeds@fldoe.org).

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Attachment

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