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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Hershel Lyons

DATE: March 31, 2017

SUBJECT: **2017 Summer Literacy Adventure**

Florida's First Lady Ann Scott and the Florida Department of Education have partnered with the Florida Lottery and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection to announce the 2017 Summer Literacy Adventure. As summer is fast approaching, we encourage schools, students and parents to prepare for the summer break by participating in this fun challenge designed to help our state's students maintain and improve their reading skills throughout the summer months. Reading is a critical component of the learning process, and it is important that students and their families make reading a part of their daily routines even when school is not in session.

To make reading even more exciting, we are challenging all of our state's students to pledge to read as many books as possible throughout the summer break, and I hope that you will encourage all of the teachers, students and parents in your schools to participate. Each student can fill out his or her pledge on the *Just Read, Florida!* website at [Summer Literacy Pledge](#). Following the summer break, the department will recognize the top 10 schools with the highest percentage of participation. The school whose students read the most books will receive a surprise visit from First Lady Ann Scott.

Attached you will find additional information and resources to share with your school leaders and parents. Thank you for your support of literacy and the children of Florida.

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Attachment

cc: K-12 District Reading Contacts

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