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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents
Assistant Superintendents for Instruction
Staff Development Directors

FROM: Betty Coxe *BC*

SUBJECT: Seeking nominations for the Florida League of Teachers

Enclosed you will find materials for submitting nominations for new members of the Florida League of Teachers. I invite you to participate in this endeavor to identify, organize, and utilize educational leaders throughout Florida. Members of the League serve in instructional leadership roles by becoming facilitators, coaches, and trainers to promote other teachers' continuous progress toward instructional success. We hope to identify up to 25 new members for the Florida League of Teachers this year.

The League was organized in 1993 as one component of a statewide coordinated professional development system to support school improvement. The underlying principle of the League is teachers assisting teachers to improve classroom instruction. Many of the 148 current League members have received extensive training designed to increase their instructional expertise and to assist in the peer coaching process. The enclosed materials provide additional information about the organization. Further information about the League is available on the Department of Education website: www.firn.edu/doe.

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I encourage your district to seek representation in the League of Teachers or to increase your present representation by participating in the nomination process. **We request that the Superintendent's office coordinate submission of nomination packets, the number of which varies according to the size of the district.**

Nominations must be received at the Department of Education by March 2, 2003. If you have questions or concerns about any aspect of the nomination process, please do not hesitate to phone the contact person listed in the nomination packet.

Your continued support of professional development initiatives supporting Florida's school improvement efforts is greatly appreciated.

BC/jh

Enclosure