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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
FROM: Mary Laura Openshaw
DATE: January 4, 2002
SUBJECT: Federal Gun-Free Schools Act
Local Education Agency Activities Report--Due January
18, 2002

Local education agencies (LEA's) receiving federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act funds are required to complete and return the Gun-Free Schools Act (GFSA) Local Education Agency Activities Report, Form ESE 068, for the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. This form is attached. In order to assure consistency of reporting, please review the definitions for "elementary school", "junior high school", "high school", and "other firearms" provided for you on the attachment.

Please note that LEA's may expel a student for bringing a "gun" to school that does not fit the federal definition; however, expulsion is not required by the Gun Free Schools Act. Items such as toy guns, cap guns, air powered bb guns, and pellet guns are not included in the federal definition and should not be included in this report. A replica gun, however, may fit the federal definition. To determine whether a specific replica gun does fit the definition, contact one of the division offices of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms: Tampa Field Division: (813) 228-2021, Miami Field Division: (305) 597-4800.

Your cooperation is requested in completing and submitting the attached four-question survey. Please be sure the completed survey is received by the Office of Safe Schools at the address provided on the form by Friday, January 18, 2002. In order to meet the required deadline, a copy may also be faxed to the office at (850) 410-1796 or Suncom 210-1796.

If you have any questions, please contact Louise Rill, Program Specialist, Office of Safe Schools at (850) 410-2388 or (850) 410-1667.

A copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.firn.edu/doe/bin00005/dpsmemo02> on the Department of Education home page. A copy of the four-page form "Federal Gun-Free Schools Act, Local Education Agency Activities Report" is available on the Safe Schools web page

<http://www.firn.edu/doe/besss/safehome.htm>

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Attachment

cc: District contacts, MIS
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