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MEMORANDUM

TO: Middle School Principals

FROM: Lucy D. Hadi

SUBJECT: 2008-2009 Career Cruiser

In support of the Florida Department of Education's goal for highest student achievement, the 2008-2009 *Career Cruiser*, a career and education magazine, is now being shipped to all middle schools. The *Career Cruiser* includes information on occupations, personal assessment activities, and career planning. Students can learn more about themselves and how to match their interests and abilities to career and education options.

The number of *Career Cruisers* shipped will be determined by the number of 8th graders at each school. However, each school can determine how the *Cruiser* will be distributed within the school. We recommend that the distribution include the school counseling department as well as teachers of the career and education planning course that is required by s. 1003.4156, Florida Statutes.

We have a limited number of *Cruisers* that will be available if additional copies are needed. Please note that the Educator's Toolkit (www.fldoe.org/workforce/ced) was developed for the career and education planning course and includes many of the activities in the *Career Cruiser*.

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All shipments will be sent to the attention of the middle school principal. The *Career Cruiser* and the *Career Cruiser Teacher's Guide* are also available at www.fldoe.org/workforce/publicat.asp. The *Career Cruiser Teacher's Guide* is only available online.

For additional information concerning the *Career Cruiser*, please contact Zelda Rogers at 800-342-9271 or by e-mail at <u>zelda.rogers@fldoe.org</u>.

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