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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith

DATE: March 5, 2010

SUBJECT: SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH 2010

I am pleased to announce Florida's observance of School Library Media Month in April 2010. Each year our school districts and Florida citizens take time to recognize the programs, services, and resources provided by school library media centers. This celebratory month provides opportunities across the state to highlight school library media contributions to Florida public education.

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

Programming ideas for the month are available on the SUNLINK site at <http://www.sunlink.ucf.edu/>. Your support of these activities or other activities planned by your district is needed to make School Library Media Month in Florida a success. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

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Attachment

cc: Library Media Supervisors

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