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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Jim Warford

DATE: October 13, 2004

**SUBJECT: ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS/PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 2003-2004**

We are pleased to inform you that the 2004 Florida Legislature appropriated \$4,000,000 for Alternative Schools/Public Private Partnerships for 2004-2005. Your district may apply for funding for one of these educational projects to serve at least 500 disruptive and low performing students per school in grades 6-12. Programs that are funded must provide proof of educational progress in reading and mathematics demonstrated in existing programs, of at least three years of experience, with similar student populations. All approved projects will have 18 months to expend the funds, with a beginning date of November 30, 2004.

JIM WARFORD
K-12 CHANCELLOR

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You are invited to submit a proposal as described in the enclosed Florida Department of Education Request for Proposal (RFP) instructions. One original and three copies of the project proposals are due no later than close of business ***November 30, 2004***. Proposals will be reviewed in accordance to process and scoring criteria outlined in the RFP. We anticipate notifying applicants of the review outcomes by the second week of December 2004.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please feel free to contact Michael Lisle, Program Director, Office of Title I Programs and Academic Intervention Services by phone at (850) 245-9948, or via email at michael.lisle@fldoe.org; you may also contact Roger Henry, Program Specialist, by phone at (850) 245-9943; or via email at roger.henry@fldoe.org.

We appreciate your interest in this program and look forward to working with you on this endeavor.

JW/ml

Enclosure

cc: Shan Goff
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District Dropout Prevention Coordinators