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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exceptional Student Education Administrators

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman

DATE: June 13, 2005

SUBJECT: Statewide Meeting for Contact Persons Coordinating Programs for Prekindergarten Children with Disabilities

In support of the mission of the Department of Education (DOE) to assist school districts in providing quality, efficient services to all Florida students, the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services (BEESS) will sponsor a statewide meeting for contact persons for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part B Prekindergarten Program on July 20, 2005. The meeting will be held prior to the 2005 Summer Conference, One Goal: Building the Future Together "Putting Families and Children First," from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Hyatt Regency Tampa Hotel, Two Tampa City Center, Tampa, Florida.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide information regarding the implementation of the Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) Education Program, 2005 Legislation, IDEA 2004, and the Technical Assistance and Training System (TATS) project initiatives and activities. Participants will have the opportunity to address and discuss issues, concerns, and successes as identified by school district personnel in advance of the meeting. A draft agenda is attached for your information.

BAMBI J. LOCKMAN

Chief

Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

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with Disabilities

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In an effort to project attendance and prepare information regarding issues or questions to be addressed, we have also attached a response form for completion by **June 17, 2005**. Please return the form to Ms. Carole West by fax at (850) 245-0955 or by electronic mail at Carole.West@fldoe.org.

Guest rooms are available at the Hyatt Regency Tampa at the rate of \$99.00 Single/Double, \$114.00 Triple/Quad plus tax. Please contact the hotel directly at (813) 225-1234 and indicate that you are attending the One Goal Summer Conference. **The conference rate will be available until June 19, 2005, unless the room block sells out first.**

The Bay Shuttle has teamed up with the Hyatt Regency Tampa to offer conference participants direct service between the Tampa International Airport and the hotel. Rates are \$11.00 one-way or \$20.00 round trip. Once you have claimed your luggage, please exit the double doors marked "Limousine/Courtesy Van" and check in at the Bay Shuttle Booth.

Accommodations for participants who have special needs will be available. To ensure appropriate accommodations, please make your request by contacting Ms. Carole West, Department of Education, at (850) 245-0478.

We look forward to seeing you and to your participation. If you have questions, please contact the persons listed above.

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Attachments

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