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TO: **School Bus Safety Inspection Trainers**

FROM: **Bill Schroyer, Director, Fleet Management**
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SUBJECT: **Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Training Aid/State Board of Education Proposed Rule Revision**

The Department of Education is pleased to announce the completion of the enclosed School Bus Inspection Training Aid on CD-Rom. This is a training tool designed to help certified Florida School Bus Inspection Trainers in the classroom setting. The four major parts of the training aid, all contained on the CD-Rom, are:

1. Instructions
2. A PowerPoint presentation, containing visual aids for all items in the Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual
3. A trainer's manual, serving to assist the trainer before and during a class
4. A student notebook

Additionally, the CD-Rom contains a draft version of the 2003 Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Manual in Adobe PDF format.

The new inspection procedures in the 2003 draft Inspection Manual are currently optional, but will be required upon approval of the manual by the State Board of Education, at which time notification will be given to the school districts.

Section 1006.22, Florida Statutes, effective January 7, 2003, granted the State Board of Education authority to adopt rules for the school bus inspection program, including changes to the bus inspection interval. Our office has submitted for approval by the State Board of Education the 30 school-day interval for bus inspections recommended by the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation. Please note that the 30 school-day inspection cycle is referenced in the manual, but may not be implemented by school districts until formal State Board of Education approval of the associated rule change (anticipated prior to July 1, 2003).

The 2002 Florida School Bus Specifications manual is also included on the CD-Rom in Adobe PDF format.

Should you have any questions or comments about the Florida School Bus Safety Inspection Training Aid, please e-mail Bud Fletcher at bud.fletcher@fldoe.org or call (850) 488-4405.

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