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## MEMORANDUM # 05-02

**TO:** Exceptional Student Education Directors  
School Principals

**FROM:** Bambi J. Lockman

**SUBJECT:** Information about students using Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic through the Learning through Listening project

The Recordings for the Blind and Dyslexic Learning through Listening project provides auditory text and recreational books to students with print disabilities. These students may have visual impairments, physical impairments, and/or specific learning disabilities. This project is funded by the state of Florida (2004 Specific Appropriations # 88) and oversight is provided by the Florida Department of Education.

In order to maintain and/or improve the quality of services provided by the project, quantitative data regarding the effectiveness of services is required. Specifically, data regarding the educational progress of students utilizing Learning through Listening services are necessary in order for the project to compile and submit reports of its effectiveness to the Florida Department of Education.

According to section 1002.22(3)(d)(3), Florida Statutes, personally identifiable information may be released to "state or local educational authorities who are authorized to receive such information subject to the conditions set forth in applicable federal statutes and regulations of the United States Department of Education, or in applicable state statutes and rules of the State Board of Education." Therefore, since the project is acting on behalf of the Florida Department

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of Education in order to gather data necessary to assess the effectiveness of the program, representatives of the Learning through Listening project are permitted to obtain data regarding students utilizing its services.

Any questions regarding the contents of this memorandum should be addressed to Ms. Dawn Saunders, Program Specialist, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, Florida Department of Education. Ms. Saunders may be contacted by telephone at (850) 245-0478 or by electronic mail at [Dawn.Saunders@fldoe.org](mailto:Dawn.Saunders@fldoe.org).

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