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MEMORANDUM

TO: Exceptional Student Education Directors

FROM: Bambi J. Lockman

SUBJECT: **Twenty-sixth Annual Weekends with the Experts: Visually Impaired**

We are pleased to announce a series of Weekends with the Experts for personnel serving students with visual impairments as described in the attached brochure. In an effort to increase the supply of highly effective teachers and improve student rates of learning, this series is funded by the Florida Department of Education, Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services, and facilitated by the Florida Instructional Materials Center for the Visually Impaired (FIMC-VI) and is free of charge to participants. Workshops are open to all school personnel, including paraprofessionals, general education teachers, special education teachers, and related service providers, as well as families/caregivers of students who are visually impaired.

We are pleased to offer this exciting program and hope that your staff will take advantage of this opportunity and share the information with interested parties. Online registration is available at www.fimcvi.org. If there are questions regarding this event, please contact Kay Ratzlaff, Coordinator of Instructional Resources, FIMC-VI, at 1-800-282-9193, (813) 837-7829 or kratzlaff@fimcvi.org.

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Attachment

cc: District Coordinators, Visually Impaired
David Newton, Division of Blind Services

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