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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Mary Laura Openshaw, Director, Just Read, Florida!

SUBJECT: Professional Development for Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement

We are pleased to announce that the Educational Research and Dissemination Program (ER&D) offered by the American Federation of Teachers (AFT) through the Florida Education Association (FEA) is approved for Competency 1 of the Reading Endorsement for 60 hours. The Just Read, Florida! Office is committed to offering high quality professional development to all teachers, including those 6-12 teachers who need the reading endorsement by June 30, 2006. The ER&D program has a long and illustrious history, and we are very pleased that Florida teachers may apply this professional development towards the reading endorsement.

Beginning Reading Instruction may count for 48 endorsement inservice points and Reading Comprehension Instruction may count for 12 endorsement inservice points, both in Competency 1. If you have teachers in your district who have taken both modules, you may award them the full 60 hours. If they have taken Beginning Reading Instruction but not Reading Comprehension, they will need to take a 12 hour session that addresses comprehension. If a teacher has taken neither of these courses, a 60 hour component has been developed that addresses both areas.

For more information, please contact Danielle Montes, ER&D Project Director, at (305)969-6511.

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