FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

F. PHILIP HANDY, *Chairman*

T. WILLARD FAIR, *Vice Chairman*

Members

SALLY BRADSHAW

LINDA J. EADS, ED.D.

CHARLES PATRICK GARCÍA

JULIA L. JOHNSON

WILLIAM L. PROCTOR, PH.D.

JIM HORNE
Commissioner of Education

CONTACT PERSONS

NAME:	Mary Jo Butler Penny Detscher Faye Johnson Tonya Milton
PHONE:	(850) 245-0480
SUNCOM:	205-0480
E-MAIL:	maryjo.butler@fldoe.org penny.detscher@fldoe.org faye.johnson@fldoe.org milton_t@popmail.firn.edu CSHPRegistration@fldoe.org
DPS:	04-017

M E M O R A N D U M

To: District School Superintendents

From: Jim Warford

Date: August 18, 2003

Subject: **INVITATION TO THE FLORIDA COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH AND SAFE AND DRUG-FREE SCHOOLS COORDINATORS' MEETING**

The Department of Education Coordinated School Health and Safe and Drug-Free Schools (SDFS) programs, along with the Safe, Disciplined and Drug-Free Schools Project of the University of North Florida, Florida Institute of Education, are co-sponsoring the 2003 Coordinators' Meeting, "***Keeping Florida's Students on Track: Healthy, Safe, and Drug-Free***." This event will continue our collaborative effort to improve communications, enhance networking at the local and state levels, and consolidate professional development activities for school health and SDFS prevention professionals. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss current health and prevention issues, network with other school professionals, and receive needed information to prepare them for the new school year. Featured speakers will include Marcus Conyers, who will introduce *"BrainSMART Health Wise: Cultivating Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities."* This meeting will be held **September 29-October 1, 2003,** in **Captiva Island,** at the South Seas Resort Hotel.

JIM WARFORD
K-12 Chancellor

The agenda offers many exciting sessions. Please note that on Monday, September 29, 2003, there will be three pre-conference events: the *New Coordinators' Orientation for Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators*, a meeting of the *School Health Advisory Councils*, and a meeting of the *Safe and Drug-Free Schools Advisory Council*. Also, at a post-conference workshop on October 1, 2003, from 1:00–4:00 p.m., the Florida Department of Children and Families will provide a presentation of the *Florida Youth Substance Abuse Survey* data featuring school domain risk and protective factors.

Districts are invited to send Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators, School Health Coordinators, and other school professionals interested in school health and prevention issues and who represent various roles including:

- Elementary, middle, and high school teachers (including health instructors and physical education instructors)
- Elementary, middle, and high school nurses and/or health care providers
- Elementary, middle, and high school administrators
- Elementary, middle, and high school guidance counselors, school psychologists, and/or social workers
- District supervisors and coordinators of health, physical education, nutrition, and student support services
- District administrators, grant writers, and staff development supervisors or staff.

Room reservations can be made by calling the South Seas Resort Hotel at **1-888-707-7888**. All participants are responsible for making individual hotel reservations. Hotel reservations must be made by **September 4, 2003**, in order to receive the $99.00 conference rate. When calling please ask for Group #5895F7 and indicate that you are with the Department of Education: School Health and Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators' Meeting. The direct phone number for the resort is (239) 472-5111; however, all reservations are made at the number listed above.

Safe and Drug-Free Schools Coordinators should use SDFS Entitlement funds to support participation and travel costs. Other school health participation will be supported through the Florida Department of Education (DOE) Coordinated School Health Program. The DOE, through a cooperative agreement with Florida Atlantic University, will reimburse lodging costs and per diem for the first one hundred registered participants (other than Safe and Drug-Free Coordinators) who travel more than 50 miles to the conference. Each participant is asked to make every effort to share a double occupancy hotel room with a district team member. Travel costs to Captiva Island will be the responsibility of each participating agency. **Please fax registrations by Friday, September 4, 2003, to (850) 245-9957, or e-mail to CSHPRegistration@fldoe.org.**

The Coordinators' Meeting is an exciting opportunity for district-level personnel from school districts and county health departments to network with fellow coordinators, build institutional support for school health programs, and plan together for intervention and prevention strategies.

JW:fjpd

ENCLOSURES

cc: Health Education Coordinators
Physical Education Coordinators
Health Services Coordinators
Food Service Administrators
Directors of Student Services
County Health Department School Health Coordinators
County Health Department Tobacco Coordinators
Florida School Health and Education Consortium Members
Coordinated School Health Program Pilot Schools
Safe and Drug-Free School Coordinators