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November 7, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Staff Development Directors

FROM: Kathryn S. Hebda, Chief
Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development and Retention

SUBJECT: District Add-on Programs for Athletic Coaching Certification

The districts' add-on programs for certification are integral to the Department's goal of increasing the supply of highly effective teachers. The State Board of Education recently revised the requirements for Athletic Coaching certification making it necessary for districts to revise their add-on programs accordingly. As mentioned in the October 10, 2005, memo from the Bureau of Educator Certification, the requirements now include the study of the effects and dangers of drug use including performance enhancing drugs and a valid cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) certificate issued by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross. School districts with add-on programs in Athletic Coaching will need to revise their programs to include these new requirements. A list of the district add-on programs and their validity dates can be found at the following site: <http://www.firn.edu/doe/profdev/teachprep/teachprep.htm>.

The districts should forward the revisions to their existing Athletic Coaching programs to the Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, and Retention. The district requests should include the following:

1. A brief cover letter from the district superintendent or his/her designee requesting the approval of the identified revisions to the approved add-on program.
2. A copy of the program that includes the modified components.

The revisions should be sent no later than **Wednesday, November 30, 2005**. For additional information or questions regarding this matter, please contact Denise Scheidler at (850) 245-0435 or email at denise.scheidler@fldoe.org.

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