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TO: District School Superintendents

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SUBJECT: ***"Asthma Care in Schools"*** **Workshop**

The Florida Department of Education is committed to a seamless education system to improve student learning. Appropriate asthma management is necessary to promote school attendance and support students' academic achievements. The Department of Health, in partnership with the University of Florida and the Gulfcoast North Area Health Education Center, Inc. (AHEC), is planning an "Asthma Care in Schools" workshop for school personnel and school health staff. This two-part workshop is based on the *Nursing Guidelines for the Delegation of Care for Students with Asthma in Florida Schools*. It includes a video presentation with demonstrations and updated information on the use of asthma management tools for the care of students with asthma.

The Department of Education invites all Florida school districts to participate in this important workshop. The "Asthma Care in Schools" workshop is scheduled to be televised, via the Florida Knowledge Network, on March 24, 2006, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

Districts are encouraged to select four (4) broadcast sites for: Broward, Miami-Dade, Duval, Hillsborough, Orange, Palm Beach, and Pinellas; two (2) broadcast sites for Escambia, Monroe, and Sarasota; and one (1) broadcast site for all other districts. It is recommended that each broadcast site assign a site coordinator to manage technical logistics and designate onsite facilitators to assist with workshop materials and handouts. Districts are also encouraged to register site selections online at http://www.gnahec.org/asthma/siteregistration.asp, by **February 28, 2006**. For questions regarding site registration, please contact Mr. Craig Bobik at bobik@gnahec.org or by telephone at (813) 929-1000.

Thank you for your assistance in facilitating this statewide program. Local district instructional television (ITV) contacts are located online at http://www.floridaknowledgenetwork.org/. For inquiries regarding the agenda or workshop content, please contact Penny Kehoe, Registered Nurse Consultant, Florida Department of Health, via e-mail at Penny_Kehoe@doh.state.fl.us or by telephone at (850) 245-4444, extension 2933.

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