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MEMORANDUM:

DATE: April 14, 2006

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: John L. Winn

SUBJECT: New DELTA School Leadership Development Website

I am pleased to announce the **DELTA School Leadership Development Program's** new website. Improving the quality of school leadership at all levels is a priority of the Department of Education. The purpose of the DELTA program is to improve student achievement and sustain that achievement by providing school leaders with the tools and support they need to be high performing instructional leaders. The DELTA program, supported through the website, helps to ensure that Florida's Principal Leadership Standards are implemented through high-quality professional development provided to our current and aspiring school leaders.

The DELTA website is located at <http://www.DeltaSchoolLeaders.org> and has been designed to provide Florida's school leaders with easy access to all elements of the DELTA program. Features include:

- electronic tools to help individuals plan and manage their professional development
- links to appropriate professional development offerings based on each of the Principal Leadership Standards
- resources needed to successfully implement the training
- a wealth of follow-up support materials for each offering

In developing the DELTA program, The Florida Department of Education has partnered with leading developers and providers of high-quality professional development for our state's school leaders. Our partners include: Council for Educational Change (CEC), Florida Association of School Administrators (FASA), North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC), Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC), Schultz Center for Leadership and Crown Consortium, and the Southern Regional Educational Board. Also unique to the DELTA program is the network of Professional Partners (retired high performing school leaders) who provide electronic and face-to-face follow-up support on all elements of the program to ensure high-quality implementation of learning.

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The Department is providing statewide capacity building for DELTA resources and tools by training cadres of district/regional master trainers, developing the comprehensive DELTA website, and providing a coordinated statewide program for leadership development. We strongly encourage your district to incorporate the DELTA school leadership development resources into your district's program for current and aspiring school leaders.

For more information on the DELTA School Leadership Development Program and integrating the statewide offerings with your own leadership development programs, please visit <http://www.DeltaSchoolLeaders.org> or contact Henry Pollock, Program Director, at henry.pollock@fldoe.org or 850 245-0546.

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