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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Evan Lefsky, Ph.D.

SUBJECT: Just Read, Florida! Reading Endorsement Professional Development On-Line Course for Competency Three

In our continued effort to provide your teachers with high quality reading endorsement professional development at little or no cost, the Just Read, Florida! office is pleased to announce the availability of 5,200 free registrations for the online course entitled Applied Data Analysis for Educational Leaders (ADAPT) offered through North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC). Please note that this course fully satisfies competency three, which is one of six competencies required to earn the reading endorsement. Additional information about the ADAPT training, including training goals and objectives, assignment schedule, and technical requirements, is available online at <http://www.nefec.org/adapt>.

Because there are a number of non-reading endorsed middle and high school educators teaching reading classes this year who are considered out of field, we have developed a hierarchy of priority for the complimentary ADAPT slots. Please see the following prioritizations.

- **Teachers who are currently teaching reading courses in grades 6-12 during the 2006-2007 school year and are required to earn the reading endorsement have first priority.**

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- **Teachers who, in all probability, will be teaching reading courses in grades 6-12 during the 2007-2008 school year and are required to complete their reading endorsement have second priority.**
- **Reading coaches have third priority.**
- **Principals have fourth priority.**

Please note that teachers certified in elementary education are already considered highly qualified to teach elementary reading, including sixth grade reading to sixth graders, but there may be sixth grade teachers who are certified in other subject areas, such as social studies, band, music, or science, to name a few, who must also pursue the reading endorsement, since their 2006-2007 (or anticipated 2007-2008) placement is in a reading class. Please see bullets above to determine their priority for the NEFEC complimentary slots.

Teachers may register online for the complimentary slots beginning September 6, 2006, at 7:00 AM (EST) at <http://www.nefec.org/adapt/>. Registrations will not be accepted before this date and time. Upon entering the ADAPT home page, select the desired session start date from the list on the right side of the screen. A page with additional information about the training will appear with a link at the bottom of the page to register. Teachers should follow the registration prompts through the next series of screens to provide contact information and to complete the registration process.

When asked for payment information, please direct your teachers to select the payment type of “**Other**” and enter the payment number of “**TIER 1**,” for those teachers who are currently teaching reading courses in grades 6-12 during the 2006-2007 school year and are required and on track to finish the endorsement or “**TIER 2**” for teachers who, in all probability, will be teaching reading courses in grades 6-12 during the 2007-2008 school year and are required and on track to complete their endorsement. Reading coaches should use “**TIER 3**” as their payment code, and principals should use “**TIER 4**” as their payment code. A series of questions will be asked as part of the registration to determine and verify the priority level. **If course capacity is not reached, we will open registration to additional educators, such as elementary teachers.**

NEFEC has offered this fifteen-week course for approximately two years and will continue to offer it in the future at a cost of \$240 per teacher plus the textbook. We anticipate that the free registrations will fill up quickly, but please know that the course can be accessed for the fee should you wish to sponsor your teachers who either do not qualify or are not awarded a free slot because course capacity has been reached.

Please do not delay in communicating information about this opportunity to your teachers, since this will be a competitive process. Multiple classes will be held during the following time frames and teachers may select the time period that best suits their schedule. Confirmations will be sent to teachers who have secured a complimentary slot and to those who did not.

Sections	Start Date	End Date
Section 1	September 18, 2006	January 22, 2007
Section 2	October 9, 2006	February 12, 2007
Section 3	October 23, 2006	February 26, 2007
Section 4	November 6, 2006	March 12, 2007
Section 5	December 4, 2006	April 2, 2007
Section 6	January 15, 2007	April 30, 2007
Section 7	February 5, 2007	May 21, 2007
Section 8	March 5, 2007	June 18, 2007

The textbook for the class is *Developing and Using Classroom Assessments, Third Edition*, by Albert Oosterhof. **We are asking that each district absorb the cost of the textbook for their teachers enrolled in the class.** NEFEC has 1,000 texts in stock and can reorder. The cost of the textbook, if purchased from NEFEC, is \$40.00. The textbook is also available through a variety of online bookstores.

Once registration is closed, we will notify district endorsement contacts of the participants from their district so that the appropriate number of books can be secured. You may wish for teachers to pick up their textbooks at the district office, or you may choose to deliver them to the teachers at their respective schools by courier, if that service is available.

If teachers wish to take this course for college credit, Florida State University periodically offers this online course. Teachers must enter as a degree seeking or special student and pay the full tuition. Dr. Laura Hassler Lang and her staff can provide more information on this option, and they can be reached at 850/644-2570. Just Read, Florida! is not sponsoring university tuition.

We are very excited about this opportunity for your teachers. If you have questions about the registration process, please contact Garnette Knapp at 386/329-3800 or by e-mail at knappg@nefec.org. If you have questions about eligibility, please contact Barbara Elzie at 850/245-0503 or by e-mail at barbara.elzie@fldoe.org.

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