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MEMORANDUM

TO: Interested Parties

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: February 26, 2007

**SUBJECT: FLORIDA HOSTS FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON REDESIGNING
TEACHER COMPENSATION**

“REDESIGNING TEACHER COMPENSATION: A BLUEPRINT FOR SUCCESS”
NATIONAL CONFERENCE
MAY 14-15, 2007
ORLANDO, FL

The Florida Department of Education, in conjunction with the Florida Education Foundation, will host the first national conference on the redesign of teacher compensation May 14-15, 2007, in Orlando. This event will feature general sessions with keynote speakers, panels, and roundtable discussions from experts in the field at district, state, and national levels. Presenters include prominent researchers, United States Department of Education staff, state legislators, district superintendents, and representatives from other states.

Confirmed keynote speakers include:

- Dr. Eric Hanushek, Paul and Jean Hanna Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution of Stanford University
- Dr. Michael Podgursky, Professor of Economics at University of Missouri-Columbia
- Dr. Jay Greene, Manhattan Institute Senior Fellow, Endowed Chair and Head of the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas
- Amanda Farris, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Strategic Initiatives, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Juan Copa, Division of Accountability, Research, and Measurement, Florida Department of Education
- Jason Kamras, 2005 National Teacher of the Year

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Other invited speakers include:

- Charlie Crist, Governor of Florida
- Panel of State of Florida Legislators: Senate President Ken Pruitt, Speaker of the House Marco Rubio, Representative Joe Pickens, Representative David Simmons, Representative Trey Traviesa

The following school districts/states are invited to present:

- Minnesota Department of Education
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools
- Houston Independent School District
- Denver Public Schools
- Little Rock School District
- Miami-Dade County Public Schools
- Hillsborough County Public Schools (FL)
- Collier County Public Schools (FL)
- School District of Manatee County (FL)
- Union County School District (FL)
- School District of Levy County (FL)

Education policy makers with an interest in teacher compensation are encouraged to attend, as issues to be covered include base salary, performance pay, incentive pay, and more.

All events will be held at the Orlando World Center Marriott. Rooms will be held in the “Redesigning Teacher Compensation” block until April 23, 2007, with a rate of \$150. Reservations can be made by calling (407) 239-4200 or (800) MARRIOTT.

For conference registration and draft agenda, please visit www.fldoe.org/k12/nationalconference. Registration will be open through April 30, 2007. There is a \$160 non-refundable registration fee due by May 4, 2007. The late and onsite registration fee is \$200.

We hope you can attend this exciting forum to discuss current trends and future ideas for redesigning teacher compensation across the nation.