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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith, Commissioner
DATE: March 8, 2010
SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION/FLORIDA STERLING COUNCIL COLLABORATION**

Thank you to all who are currently participating in the joint Department of Education/Sterling Council Best Practices Initiative (BPI) and the upcoming Florida Education Summit. Over the past three months, the BPI team has met with more than 30 district leadership teams representing more than 80 percent of Florida's enrolled public school students. To date, the Sterling Council has received commitments for more than 150 best practices for the Web site, and more than 20 have been posted online already. Our goal is to have 100 submissions by June 1, the date of the Florida Education Summit, and 250 by year's end.

The Florida Education Summit is a one-day event on June 1, 2010, which will be dedicated to Florida's education leaders. It will feature the most exciting best practices we have received and will be enhanced by a Best Practices education track throughout the main Sterling Conference, June 1-4, 2010. The primary goal of the summit and education track is to learn from leading experts and each other, so that we can create a basis for collaboration and accelerated improvement in the quality of education in Florida.

Winning organizations in all industries have learned to capitalize on shared knowledge, and the replication of successful approaches to achieve performance breakthroughs in effectiveness and productivity. I am excited about the potential of our efforts, and appreciative of your role in making Florida's the best education system in the nation.

- To learn more about the Best Practices Initiative visit http://www.floridasterling.com/Best_Practice_Submissions.html
- To learn more about the Education Summit and the 2010 Sterling Conference visit http://www.floridasterling.com/annualconference_overview.html

I look forward to seeing you at the Summit.