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MEMORANDUM

TO: District Superintendents

FROM: Pam Stewart

DATE: April 26, 2013

SUBJECT: **Teacher Instructional Materials Survey**

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The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) seeks your assistance in helping to promote its 2013 Teacher Instructional Materials Survey (TIMS) to teachers in your district. The TIMS is a web-based survey requesting teachers to report on the types of instructional materials they are using in their classroom. The survey will provide valuable information to FDOE that will assist in identifying the instructional materials that are used in the classrooms of highly effective teachers and evaluating the educational impact of instructional materials.

This brief survey will also provide information to FDOE that can be used to identify gaps in student texts that may affect student success in subsequent coursework including entry-level college courses, provide information to districts regarding the instructional materials being used in classrooms where instruction results in high student learning gains and define requirements for instructional materials specifications. We ask that you encourage the teachers in your district to complete the survey which is available online at <http://www.snapsurveys.com/swh/surveylogin.asp?k=133763056177>.

The survey is confidential; therefore, results will not be reported by school or teacher name and will not be used for any type of evaluation or compliance review.

Thank you for encouraging the teachers in your district to participate in this important survey.

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