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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Ron Nieto, Deputy Commissioner of Technology and Innovation

DATE: October 11, 2013

SUBJECT: **School Technology Resources Inventory**

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The Florida Department of Education's annual Florida Innovates Technology Resources Inventory process will open October 11, 2013. Florida's education system stakeholders will be interested in how Florida schools are progressing as the demands of digital curricula, digital textbooks and mobile/virtual learning activities on our public school digital resources, bandwidth and wireless capacity continue to grow. The data that your schools provide in this inventory will be used by the Florida Department of Education to support strategic planning and policy development and to address technology capacity questions related to the development of annual legislative budget requests. Current and accurate survey information is important to decision makers and individuals involved in supporting our schools.

The Florida Department of Education regularly provides district- and school-level technology data gathered from the Technology Resources Inventory to the Florida Legislature and other public institutions interested in promoting technology in schools. The Florida Legislature used the 2012 Technology Resources Survey data in calculating the funding amounts allocated to the District Bandwidth Support and the Technology Transformation Grants for Rural School Districts programs in the 2013 General Appropriations Act, SB1500. It is essential that we continue to collect this information from the school districts for the 2014 Legislative funding activities.

Please see the following dates and deadlines for the school and district inventories:

School Inventory

Inventories in schools: October 11 – November 8, 2013

Complete district review and official school survey submission by: November 27, 2013

District Inventory

Complete district survey submission by: November 27, 2013

Please encourage your principals and district personnel to participate in this important technology inventory. I appreciate your support of this annual data gathering activity.

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cc: School District Instructional Technology Coordinators