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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Cheri Pierson Yecke, Ph.D.

DATE: April 16, 2007

**SUBJECT: REQUESTS FOR PROPOSAL: FLORIDA LEARN & SERVE GRANTS
(RENEWAL PROJECTS)**

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K12: 2007-62

The Department of Education anticipates that federal funds will be available to public schools and school districts for K-12 service-learning projects for 2007-2008. Funding comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service and should be available for project awards effective September 1, 2007, for 12 months, contingent upon the timely release of federal funds to the State.

The Department is releasing this application package to allow adequate planning and development by districts and schools. We anticipate awards will be announced in the fall after funds have been received by the State. At least \$132,000 will be available for Renewal Projects, one-year awards to new or previously funded applicants, with an option to reapply. Applicants may apply for up to \$9,000.

THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MAY 18, 2007.

The goal of Florida Learn & Serve is to engage K-12 students in service learning, school and/or community service activities that apply academic curricula and Sunshine State Standards, to improve student performance, provide for civic engagement and career exploration, and address key needs in the areas of reading, civics/history, drug/violence prevention, intergenerational interaction, and the environment.

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The proposal guidelines contain full details and instructions. There will also be a series of workshops on the fundamentals of service learning. The workshop schedule is included as Attachment 5 in the Request for Proposal.

For further information, please contact Joe Follman, Florida Learn & Serve, at 850-488-9661 (SunCom 278-9661). The applications and other resource materials are available on the Florida Learn & Serve web site (www.fsu.edu/~flserve). An original grant application and four copies should be sent to:

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