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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Florida School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Dr. Cornelia S. Orr, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and Measurement

**DATE:** October 27, 2008

**SUBJECT:** 2009 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Test Development

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of test development activities that will occur in 2009 for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) and to ask for your support via the participation of educators from your district. The Department has contracted with Evaluation Systems group of Pearson to assist in the ongoing review and updating of the FTCE in order to maintain professional standards and to ensure alignment with the Sunshine State Standards.

Test development activities are scheduled to take place throughout 2009 beginning in January. These activities require the participation of many educators throughout Florida. We are seeking knowledgeable educators to serve as test development committee members for examinations in the following subject areas:

- Guidance and Counseling PK–12,
- Hearing Impaired K–12,
- School Psychologist PK–12,
- Speech Language Impaired K–12, and
- Visually Impaired K–12.

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Included with this memorandum are the following materials which also are available at <http://www.floridacertexam.nesinc.com>:

- FTCE Test Development Activities Flyer (pdf),
- FTCE Application Form (pdf), and
- FTCE Nomination Form (pdf).

I encourage you to distribute the attached materials to district-level human resource personnel, school principals, administrators, subject area coordinators, and supervisors who may be able to nominate exemplary educators to serve on FTCE test development committees. Meetings are generally 1–3 days in Tampa, and committee members are typically invited to 1–2 meetings throughout the year. Travel expenses are reimbursed, hotel accommodations are provided, and committee members are eligible for either substitute reimbursement or a stipend of \$250.00 per 8-hour meeting day.

Thank you for permitting and encouraging your teachers and administrators to participate in these important committees. If you have any questions regarding FTCE committee participation, please contact Emily Moreau at Evaluation Systems at (866) 613-3285 or [emily.moreau@nesinc.com](mailto:emily.moreau@nesinc.com).

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Enclosures

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