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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Dr. Eric J. Smith

DATE: April 8, 2011

SUBJECT: **School Library Media Month 2011**

I am pleased to announce Florida's observance of School Library Media Month in April 2011. Each year our school districts and Florida citizens take time to recognize the programs, services, and resources provided by school library media centers. This celebratory month provides opportunities across the state to highlight school library media contributions to Florida public education.

Research studies conducted in nineteen states, including Florida, have found that school library media programs make a measurable difference in student academic achievement. School library media programs prepare students for lifelong learning and enhance their reading enjoyment. Additionally, School Library Media Month coincides with National Library Week that highlights the resources and contributions of all types of libraries.

Your support of activities planned by your district is needed to make School Library Media Month in Florida a success. A copy of the Governor's proclamation is attached.

If you have additional questions, please contact Katrina Figgett in the Bureau of Curriculum and Instruction at (850) 245-0758 or by email at Katrina.Figgett@fldoe.org.

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Attachment

cc: Library Media Supervisors