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MEMORANDUM

TO: K-12 Comprehensive Reading Plan District Contacts
Reading Endorsement District Contacts

FROM: Evan B. Lefsky, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: Content Area Reading Professional Development Plus (CAR-PD Plus)

The Just Read, Florida! Office is pleased to announce the development and availability of Content Area Reading Professional Development Plus (CAR-PD Plus). This 150 hour professional development package was created to complement the 150 hours previously addressed through the CAR-PD package last year. CAR-PD Plus is for content area teachers who wish to complete their Reading Endorsement requirements and add the endorsement to their teaching certificate. The CAR-PD package concentrates primarily on vocabulary and comprehension indicators and CAR-PD Plus addresses phonemic awareness, phonics, and fluency. While these skills may not have utmost relevance for teaching all middle and high school students, it should be noted that the Reading Endorsement is a K-12 endorsement.

CAR-PD Plus is an optional professional development package. If a content area teacher is not interested in pursuing the full Reading Endorsement, he or she may continue to provide reading intervention in their content area to fluent students who score at Level 2 on FCAT reading without additional professional development beyond CAR-PD.

CAR-PD Plus consists of three components:

- A 60-hour face-to-face academy, the content of which addresses those Reading Endorsement indicators for Competency 1 and Competency 3 not taught in CAR-PD

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- Any course/professional development that satisfies Competency 4 and Competency 5 and has been reviewed and approved by Just Read, Florida!
- A 30 hour practicum

Again, the practicum would include all Competency 6 indicators not addressed in the 30 hour CAR-PD practicum. **The CAR-PD Plus practicum indicators are: 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.11.**

Just Read, Florida! approved options for Competencies 4 and 5 include:

- **Foundations and Application of Differentiated Instruction (FADI)**
*offered free of charge by Just Read, Florida! through Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC). FADI classes begin July 14th and teachers may register at <http://www.nefec.org/fadi>.
- **C. E. Credits Online**
- **PDA-ESE Differentiating Reading Instruction for Students: Making It Explicit through FDLRS**
*Offered free of charge through FDLRS
- **Face to face 4/5 academy provided by FLARE trained district staff**
*No new train-the-trainer professional development is planned, but these classes were offered free of charge through Just Read, Florida! during 2004-2007.
- **Beacon**
- **Any other course/professional development that satisfies Competency 4 and Competency 5 and has been reviewed and approved by Just Read, Florida! for inclusion in the district Reading Endorsement Add-On plan.**

In contrast to the CAR-PD format, the 60 hour course/professional development for Competencies 4/5 may be taken either before or after the CAR-PD Plus 60 hour face-to-face academy. However, both must be taken prior to participating in the CAR-PD Plus practicum. The delivery and supervision of the practicum is left to district design and discretion.

If you are interested in training trainers for the CAR-PD Plus 60 hour face-to-face academy in your district, please contact your FLARE coordinator. If you do not have a FLARE coordinator, please contact Betsy McClure at 407/823-4246 or at emclure@mail.ucf.edu.

If you have questions about CAR-PD Plus, please contact Betsy McClure at the contact information listed above, or Barbara Elzie at Barbara.elzie@fldoe.org.

Thank you for always being willing to make additional high quality reading professional development available to the educators in your district!

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