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MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents
Middle and High School Principals

FROM: Evan B. Lefsky, Ph.D
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RE: Technical Assistance for Content Area Reading Professional Development

As you know, Content Area Reading Professional Development (CAR-PD) is well underway with many interested content area teachers enrolled in Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) this semester. In order to provide more guidance on this topic, I am attaching the original memo that went out, a timetable for training, and a Question and Answer document for your review.

The 2006 Legislature established in House Bill 7087 (F.S 1003.413) that the Department would emphasize reading instruction professional development for content area teachers, and a package of professional development for content area teachers would be created for the 2006-07 school year. CAR-PD has been created to satisfy this legislative requirement, but most importantly, to meet the diverse reading intervention needs of Florida's students.

CAR-PD is a package of 150 in-service points with reading endorsement indicators drawn primarily from the areas of vocabulary and comprehension. The CAR-PD package consists of Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) which is 60 in-service points, the CAR-PD Academy which is also 60 in-service points, and a 30 hour practicum.

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CAR-PD is intended to provide content area teachers with intensive, high quality professional development in reading so that selected students scoring at Level 2 on FCAT, who are not experiencing decoding or fluency issues, may be provided reading intervention in a content area class.

If you need additional information, please contact Barbara Elzie at barbara.elzie@fldoe.org or 850/245-0503. Thank you for all that you do each day to make reading the top priority in your schools and district.

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Attachments

CC: Reading Endorsement Contacts
K-12 Reading Plans Contacts
Staff Development Contacts