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MEMORANDUM

TO: *Reading First* District Contacts

FROM: Cari Miller, Director, *Reading First*

SUBJECT: Teacher Administration of DIBELS

The Florida *Reading First* grant requires progress monitoring of students using the Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS). During the first three years of *Reading First*, administration of DIBELS was achieved through the establishment of trained assessment teams. Grade-level classroom teachers have not participated as members of the assessment team in the past. As teachers have become more accustomed and integrated into the *Reading First* program, the decision was made to allow them to be involved in the progress monitoring process. For the 2007-2008 school year, teachers will continue to be encouraged to administer DIBELS as one of the assessment team members. Attached is a guidance document that will help facilitate this transition.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Randee Winterbottom at 850-644-9352 or via email at rwinterbottom@fcrr.org.

Thanks for all you do for reading!

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Attachment

CC: *Reading First* Professional Development

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