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MEMORANDUM

TO: Florida Deans of Colleges and Universities

FROM: ^{KE} Kris Ellington, Assistant Deputy Commissioner for Accountability, Research, and Measurement

DATE: November 2009

SUBJECT: 2010 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Test Development

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you of test development activities that will occur in 2010 for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) and to ask for your support via the participation of educators from your institution. 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 Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

Test development activities are scheduled to take place throughout 2010. 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:

- Health Education K–12 and
- Physical Education 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,
- FTCE Application Form, and
- FTCE Nomination Form.

I encourage you to distribute the attached materials to faculty who may be interested in serving as committee members. Please also forward the attached materials to individuals who may be able to nominate faculty teaching the subject areas above.

Meetings are generally 1–3 days in Tallahassee, 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.

We hope that you will consider encouraging and permitting your faculty to participate in these important committees. Please note that the Commissioner of Education will be issuing a forthcoming more official communication to Florida school district superintendents. If you have any questions regarding FTCE committee participation, please contact Deb Hartman at Evaluation Systems at (866) 565-4849 or debra.hartman@pearson.com.

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