



Weekly Memo

Action Items

Reminder to Complete Flexibility in the Use of Instructional Materials Funds

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) has issued the following memorandum regarding flexibility in the use of instructional materials funds. The district form for flexibility in the use of instructional materials funds must be submitted by **February 2, 2018**. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8169/dps-2018-24.pdf>.

Florida Professional Association of Staffing Specialists' (FLPASS) 33rd Annual Conference

This conference is a collaboration between FLPASS and the Dispute Resolution and Monitoring Unit (DRM) of the Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services. DRM staff will provide training for compliance monitoring and dispute resolution district staff during the annual conference in Altamonte Springs on **March 7-9, 2018**. The registration deadline for the conference is **February 10, 2018**. Up to two individuals per district will be provided the opportunity for reimbursement of the conference registration. For more information, see the attached document or go to <http://www.flpass.org/conference.html>. For questions, contact Eugenia Lewis at eugeniaGLE@leeschools.net or Leanne Grillot at 850-245-0475 or Leanne.Grillot@fldoe.org.

- Filename: FLPASS Conference Registration 2018

Project 10, Regional Winter Institutes 2018

Registration is now open for the Winter Institutes and the schedule is as follows:

- Region 5 – South Florida – **February 12, 2018**
- Region 4 – West Central Florida – **February 13, 2018**
- Region 3 – East Central Florida – **February 14, 2018**
- Region 2 – Northeast Florida – **February 15, 2018**
- Region 1 – Northwest Florida – **February 16, 2018**

To view the agendas and to register, go to <http://project10.info/DPage.php?ID=320>. For updated resources, go to Project 10's newly redesigned and fully accessible website at <http://project10.info/>.

Reaching Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD): A Webinar for Music Educators and Teaching Artists

VSA Florida is hosting a no-cost webinar for music educators and teaching artists. This webinar will focus on learn strategies for teaching music to students with ASD, including overall principles, specific pedagogical techniques, and approaches to planning and assessment. The presenter

is Rhoda Bernard, Ed.D., managing director of the Berklee Institute for Arts Education and Special Needs. The webinar will be offered on **February 20 and 21, 2018**. To register, go to <http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3724792/2017-2018-Webinar-Registration>. For more information on the Berklee Institute for Arts Education and Special Needs, go to www.berklee.edu/biaesn. For more information on VSA Florida, go to <http://www.vsafll.org/>. For questions, contact VSA Florida at 813-974-0721.

2018 Summer Literacy Institute

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the 2018 Summer Literacy Institute. Participant nominations will be accepted until **February 23, 2018**. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8170/dps-2018-22.pdf>.

2018 Commissioner's Business Recognition Awards (CBRA)

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the 2018 CBRA. The district contact person's information must be submitted as directed in the memo by **March 2, 2018**. The selected CBRA honoree's information must be submitted as directed in the memo by **March 23, 2018**. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8168/dps-2018-13.pdf>.

Statewide Professional Development Alternatives' (PDA) Course Offerings

The Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resource System (FDLRS) Network is offering several statewide online courses beginning on **March 6, 2018**. In addition to these offerings, your local FDLRS Associate Center continues to offer many PDA courses. For more information on the PDA courses in March, see the attached document. For information on FDLRS, go to <http://www.fdlrs.org/>. For questions, contact staff at PDAquestions@gmail.com or ahearnm@nefec.org.

- Filename: PDA March 2018 Flyer

Parental Notification of School Choice Options

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding parental notification of school choice options. The Notification Verification Form, completed as directed in the memo, must be submitted by **April 16, 2018**. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8171/DPS-2018-10.pdf> (Memo), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8172/dps-2018-10a.pdf> (Attachment A), <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8173/dps-2018-10b.pdf> (Attachment B) and <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8174/dps-2018-10c.pdf> (Attachment C).

Informational Items

Spotlight on Resources for Helping Students from Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands Cope

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Emergency Partners Information Connection has partnered with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration to develop resources, continuing education, and toolkits in English and Spanish for use by school communities. To view these resources, go to <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCDC/bulletins/1b6d5f2>.

Schools of Excellence – Professional Certificate Renewal Credit

The FDOE has issued the following memorandum regarding the Schools of Excellence Program. The memorandum may be viewed at <https://info.fldoe.org/docushare/dsweb/Get/Document-8175/dps-2018-05.pdf>.

Monica Verra-Tirado, Ed.D.



For more information, contact
850-245-0475

Florida Professional Association of Staffing Specialists – (FLPASS)

**33rd Annual Conference beginning Wednesday, March 7th at 1:00 PM
through 3:00 PM on Friday, March 9th, 2018**

Conference Registration Form

Keep Calm and ESE On

Embassy Suites

225 Shorecrest Drive, Altamonte Springs, Florida 32701

**CONFERENCE PAYMENT by CHECK or PURCHASE ORDER must be received
By Saturday, February 10th, 2018.**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

COUNTY: _____ POSITION: _____

E-MAIL: _____

DOE Conference Code – If Applicable _____

Mark the applicable fee below:

Conference Registration Fees*: MEMBER \$125.00 for 1 day \$150.00 for 3 days

NON-MEMBER \$175.00 for 1 day \$225.00 for 3 days

MAKE CHECKS OR PURCHASE ORDERS FOR CONFERENCE PAYABLE TO: FLPASS

Mail registration form and payment to:

FLPASS

Simone Webster (Treasurer)

13157 Social Lane

Winter Garden, FL 34787

Email: Simone.Webster@OCPS.net

Phone# 301.518.0821

Please let us know of any special accommodations/dietary needs that you might require during the conference.

Hotel Reservations: Reservations may be made at _____
The room rate is \$124.00 per day for a king or 2 double beds plus tax.

Room reservations must be made by Saturday, February 10th

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON REFUNDABLE AFTER SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH

****Please circle **Yes** or **No** to the following statement. I am a member in good standing and I am interested in running for an office on the Executive Board beginning July 1, 2018. **YES** **NO**

Check one: _____ President _____ Secretary _____ Parliamentarian _____ Treasurer

If you plan to run for a seat on the FLPASS Board the expectation is that you participate in the FLPASS Board meeting that is scheduled for Friday, March 9th from 3:00 to 5:00.



PDA

Professional Development Alternatives

Online modules providing comprehensive, high-quality and accessible professional development for Florida educators.

www.fl-pda.org

FDLRS Proudly Announces PDA Statewide Online Courses Beginning March, 2018

Each local FDLRS Associate Center will continue to offer PDA courses throughout the districts. The following list of statewide offerings is to supplement what is available locally. The schedule below reflects the starting and ending date of the course. PDA online courses include virtual group meetings that are held from 5:00-7:00 PM EST. Specific dates for virtual group meetings will be sent to registered participants.

Online registration for these modules is available at:

www.fdlrs.org/x/events

Course Title	Number of In-service Credits	Dates	Total number of <u>required</u> virtual meetings
Differentiating Mathematics Instruction	30	3/6/2018 - 5/8/2018	3
Engaging Learners through Informative Assessment	20	3/8/2018 - 5/10/2018	3
Technology for Student Success: Tools to Support Reading Comprehension	10	3/6/2018 - 4/30/2018	2

For more information about each of the modules above: <http://fl-pda.org/facilitated/>

For additional questions about the PDA program: PDAquestions@gmail.com

Course descriptions and registration information: www.fdlrs.org click on PDA logo or go directly to www.fl-pda.org.

- ✓ **Facilitated modules locally:** Contact your local FDLRS PDA Coordinator for course availability: Scroll down to "Contacts": Click on "PDA Coordinators."
- ✓ **Facilitated modules offered statewide:** Go to <http://www.fl-pda.org/> and click on the statewide PDA registration banner.
- ✓ **Independent study modules:** Click on Register/Sign-in on the right side of the page.

For additional questions about the PDA program: PDAquestions@gmail.com

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