MEMORANDUM

TO:          School District Superintendents
FROM:        Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.
DATE:        September 8, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Civics Education Professional Learning for School-Based Administrators and Institutions of Higher Learning Faculty

Florida has the goal to be the national leader in civics education and Florida’s school administrators and institutions of higher learning faculty are instrumental in this endeavor. As part of the Civics Literacy Excellence Initiative, the Florida Department of Education will host a centrally located, two-day civics training open to school-based leaders and institutions of higher learning faculty on September 26 and 27, 2023. The event will consist of two full days of training which will include plenary speaker sessions, breakout sessions for grade-specific strategies and presentation of available resources. The goals of this training are as follows:

- Attendees will understand the revisions to the Civics and Government (CG) standards and be prepared to lead their teachers, both current and pre-service, in standards implementation.
- Attendees will understand how the revised CG standards support Florida’s four priorities in civics education.
- Attendees will learn about the variety of resources available to educators to aid and support state academic standards instruction and implementation.
- Attendees will learn the importance of accurate civics and government education.

School administrators and faculty of Florida institutions of higher learning who attend this event will receive a $500.00 stipend and are invited to register at https://fdoecivicspd.com/ on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline to register is September 22, 2023.

For more details about the 2023 Summer Civics Education Professional Learning Series, please contact John Duebel at John.Duebel@fldoe.org. We look forward to your participation in this exciting professional learning opportunity for civics education.

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