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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Assistant Superintendents for Instruction  
Exceptional Student Education Directors  
Student Services Directors

**FROM:** Bambi J. Lockman, Chief  
Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services

Pam Smith, Deputy Chancellor  
Curriculum, Instruction, and Student Services

**SUBJECT:** Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Project:  
Statewide Training and Demonstration Site Project Bidders' Conferences and  
Grant Application Support

The Florida Department of Education has created the Florida Problem Solving/Response to Intervention (PSM/RtI) Project. This project is designed to facilitate the academic and behavioral performance of students at risk for academic failure and students with disabilities who require early identification, intervention, and progress monitoring.

The Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Project is a statewide initiative that includes both a **statewide training agenda** as well as support to establish **demonstration districts** throughout the state. Beginning in late spring 2007, the project **will fund six** school districts and up to six school sites within each district to serve as demonstration centers during the 2007-2008 school year. In addition, the project will initiate statewide training in fall 2007.

The project is hosting regional meetings to achieve the following outcomes:

1. Provide an overview of the Problem Solving/Response to Intervention Model
2. Demonstrate the relationship between this model and existing DOE statewide priorities
3. Provide an agenda for and overview of statewide training initiative
4. Disseminate and explain application procedures for districts that wish to apply for demonstration site mini-grants

It is important that districts send administrators from general education, exceptional student education, and student services who can serve as core members of the district's grant writing team.

The Florida PSM/RtI Project will offer regional meetings in Tallahassee, Orlando, and Ft. Lauderdale within the next two months. Specific information about these meetings and relevant materials will be sent directly to Assistant Superintendents for Instruction, Exceptional Student Education Directors, and Student Services Directors from the project staff.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Clark Dorman at (813) 391-3059 or email ([dorman@coedu.usf.edu](mailto:dorman@coedu.usf.edu)).

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