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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District Superintendents

**FROM:** Dr. Frances Haithcock

**DATE:** March 30, 2009

**SUBJECT: Requests for Proposals: Florida Learn & Serve Grants (Renewal Projects)**

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The Department of Education anticipates that federal funds will be available to public schools and school districts for K-12 service-learning projects for 2009-2010. Funding comes from the Corporation for National and Community Service and should be available for project awards to be effective August 1, 2009, for 12 months, contingent upon the timely release of federal funds to Florida.

The Department is releasing this application package to allow adequate planning and development by districts and schools. The complete application packet may be found at <http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve/apply/apply.html>. We anticipate awards will be announced in the summer after funds have been received by the state. At least \$315,000 will be available for Renewal Projects—one-year awards to previously funded applicants, with an option to reapply. Applicant schools may apply for up to \$10,000, Florida Service-Learning Leader Schools may apply for up to \$15,000, and school districts may apply for up to \$50,000.

**THE DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF APPLICATIONS IS MAY 15, 2009.**

The goal of Florida Learn & Serve is to engage K-12 students in service-learning—school and/or community service activities that apply academic curricula and Sunshine State Standards—to improve academic performance, provide opportunities for civic engagement and career exploration, and address key needs in Florida communities.

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The proposal guidelines contain full details and instructions. There will also be a series of workshops on the fundamentals of service-learning. The workshop schedule is listed on the Florida Learn & Serve Web site at [www.fsu.edu/~flserve](http://www.fsu.edu/~flserve) and is included as Attachment 5 in the Request for Proposals. The application and other resource materials are also available on the program Web site.

For further information, please contact Joe Follman, Florida Learn & Serve, at 850-488-9661. An original grant application and five copies should be sent to:

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Bureau of Grants Management  
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