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## MEMORANDUM

TO: District School Superintendents

FROM: Gerard Robinson 

Date: January 27, 2012

Subject: **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Florida Sterling Council Education Summit**

The Florida Department of Education is in its third year of partnering with the Florida Sterling Council to support Florida's Education Summit. Last year's event was very successful and attracted more than 20 participating school districts. Through the use of Race to the Top grant funds, school districts across Florida and the nation are continuing to implement strategies to close the student achievement gap for low-income and minority students, address the importance of school leadership in creating a culture of success, and implement teacher evaluation systems that drive teacher and student success. With "Building on Student Success" as the theme, this year's Summit focuses on sharing best practices in these three key areas.

Successful organizations in various industries have learned to capitalize on shared knowledge, and the replication or adaptation of best practices to achieve performance breakthroughs in effectiveness and productivity. I am excited about the potential of continued collaboration and accelerated improvement in driving the quality of education across Florida. Your involvement is critical in making Florida the best education system in the nation.

I invite you to attend Florida's Education Summit on May 29, 2012, in conjunction with the Annual Sterling Conference and the Governor's Sterling Award recognition in Orlando, Florida. Additional information is available at the following link: <http://www.floridasterling.com/florida-education-summit.php>