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## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** District School Superintendents

**FROM:** John L. Winn

**SUBJECT: SCHOOL LIBRARY MEDIA MONTH 2006**

Governor Jeb Bush extends his greetings and best wishes for the observance of School Library Media Month, April 2006. Each year our school districts and Florida citizens celebrate this month to highlight the services, programs, and resources provided by school library media centers. The celebratory month also provides opportunities across the state for highlighting school library media services contributions to improving the quality of education.

Research findings in the Florida statewide library media study entitled, *Making the Grade: The Status of School Library Media Centers in the Sunshine State and How They Contribute to Student Achievement*, showed that effective school library media programs help students function successfully in school, prepare them for lifelong learning, and enhance their reading enjoyment. Additionally, it is appropriate that this month designated for recognition of school library media services in Florida includes National Library Week, which recognizes the impact of all libraries on the nation's citizens.

Your support of activities planned by your school library media specialists is needed to make School Library Media Month in Florida a success. A copy of the proclamation is attached.

CHERI PIERSON YECKE, Ph.D.  
CHANCELLOR, K-12 PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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cc: Library Media Supervisors