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June 1, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Loretta Costin Lower Costin

Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

SUBJECT: FACTE Post-Conference - Next Generation Career and Technical Education

Reading (NG CATER) Content Area Professional Development

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) is offering a post-conference at the Florida Association for Career and Technical Educators (FACTE) Summer Conference July 27-28, 2011, to introduce the Next Generation Career and Technical Education Reading (NG CATER) Content Area Professional Development program.

Kevin Smith, of Just Read, Florida! will be facilitating. Kevin will be unveiling the new Text Complexity Professional Development and will introduce the new NG CATER program and requirements. Participation in the new NG CATER program is open to <u>all</u> CTE teachers, not just those holding a state certificate.

The post-conference is being held in conjunction with the 45th Annual FACTE Conference and Trade Show and will be held at the beautiful Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort in Clearwater Beach, Florida. Participation for the post-conference will be limited to the first 100 people to register. The post-conference times will be from 3:30 PM – 7:30 PM on the 27th and from 8:00 AM – Noon on the 28th.

Participants will be reimbursed for their travel and meals at the state rate and their hotel (for the night of the 27th). Participants who attend the post-conference <u>and</u> go on to complete the NG CAR-PD and NG CATER training will receive a \$250.00 stipend for completing the program and an additional \$50.00 stipend for attending the post-conference.

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To register, complete the attached registration form. Completed registration forms are to be submitted to Jodi Tillman via e-mail, fax, or mail. Please see the registration form for registration submission information. If you have additional questions, please contact Jodi Tillman at Jodi.Tillman@fldoe.org or at 850-245-9439.

Thank you.

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Attachment