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## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Career and Technical Education Directors

FROM: Loretta Costin, Interim Chancellor, Division of Career and Adult Education

**SUBJECT:** District-Certified CTE teachers' participation in the "Winter 2010 Florida Online"

Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) for CTE Teachers" opportunity

Recently, there has been some confusion over whether district-certified CTE teachers were eligible to participate in the FOR-PD and CAR-PD programs - and in turn then be eligible to serve as reading intervention teachers with the ability to serve Level 2 students.

In an effort to clarify, Kevin Smith of *Just Read, Florida!* has provided the following information: "Districts and schools have the option to provide reading intervention to fluent Level 2 students through content area courses taught by any teacher who completes CAR-PD, including those with district certification." However, district-certified teachers can <u>not</u> participate in CATER or receive a reading endorsement (thereby allowing them to serve Level 1 students as well) because they do not hold a state-issued certification - which is a requirement to receive a reading endorsement.

Attached is a document created by Lori Encke, a CTE contact in Hillsborough County, that provides facts regarding FOR-PD, CAR-PD, and CATER.

As mentioned in the previous memo (November 6, 2009), CTE teachers can complete the Florida Online Reading Professional Development (FOR-PD) in a separate cohort specifically for CTE

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teachers and receive a \$250 stipend from the Division of Career and Adult Education for the completion of the course. **Please note that stipends will be limited to the first 128 registered participants.** 

If your teachers would like to find out more about FOR-PD, they can visit: <a href="http://forpd.ucf.edu/">http://forpd.ucf.edu/</a>. FOR-PD is a 14-week course; and we will begin the CTE teacher cohorts on January 29, 2010. The course will end on April 26, 2010.

If you or any of your teachers have any questions about the FOR-PD registration process, please feel free to contact Richard Scott at the FOR-PD Office at the University of Central Florida by e-mail: <a href="mailto:riscott@mail.ucf.edu">riscott@mail.ucf.edu</a> – or by telephone: Toll Free, Florida Calls Only: 866-227-7261, Local Calls: 407-823-6153.

Thanks for all you do!

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