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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 18, 2011
TO: Florida SIM Professional Developers & Florida SIM Apprentices
FROM: Mary Ann Ahearn and Valerie Watson, FDLRS Administration/HRD Project
RE: 27th Florida SIM Update - January 31 – February 2, 2012

Dear Colleagues,

The FDLRS Administration/HRD Project is pleased to announce the 27th Florida Strategic Instruction Model (SIM) Update will be held on **January 31 – February 2, 2012** at the **Orlando Airport Marriott Hotel**. We are looking forward to recognizing your efforts while providing quality professional development for your continued growth at the January Update.

The purpose of the Annual Florida SIM Update is to continue developing knowledge of evidence-based instruction in the Strategic Instruction Model. We are thrilled to have SIM Professional Developers from across the state scheduled to share their expertise and are happy to announce that Dr. Patricia Graner from KU will also be joining us. This Update will provide the latest information on SIM and will offer participants general sessions, concurrent sessions, and a poster session. *Prior to registering, please be sure to review this entire announcement for specific details, timelines, and travel reimbursement procedures for the 2012 Florida SIM Update.*

27th Florida SIM Update – Conference Highlights

Pre-Conference Sessions on Tuesday, January 31, 2012

- ♦ **Full Day 9:00AM – 4:00PM**
 - Electronic Professional Development Online (EPD) – Facilitator Training
This session is for SIM CE Professional Developers who are interested in providing the Unit Organizer Routine and/or Concept Mastery Routine for participants in an online format.
- ♦ **Half Day 1:00PM – 4:00PM**
 - Mentoring SIM Apprentices
This session will cover expectations and best practices for mentoring and is mandatory for SIM PDers who are, or want to be, a mentor.

General Sessions:

- ♦ Florida SIM Network Update
- ♦ Dr. Patty Graner – KU Update
- ♦ Florida Department of Education Update on Current Initiatives/Issues



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Concurrent Session Topics:

- ♦ Why We Must Teach Writing and How to Do It! ~ Steve Graham Video
- ♦ Edit Strategy
- ♦ Listening and Note Taking Strategy
- ♦ New Math Strategies
- ♦ FUSION
- ♦ Literacy Leadership Tools
- ♦ Linking SIM PD to Teacher Evaluation and Instructional Frameworks
- ♦ Coaching and Implementation Support for CE and LS
- ♦ Content Enhancement to Support Reading and Writing
- ♦ Round Table with Dr. Patty Graner
- ♦ School Change/Thoughtful Engagement from Don Deshler
- ♦ SIM Data Discussion

Poster Session

We will offer a Poster Session on the morning of day two where participants will have the opportunity to learn from their colleagues who will be sharing information on exemplary practices of SIM implementation in Florida. If you are interested in presenting at the Poster Session, please complete and submit the **Poster Session Application**. *The deadline for submission of the Poster Session Application is Friday, December 9, 2011.*

Jane Langenbach Award

Each year at the Florida SIM Update we announce the winner of the Jane Langenbach Award. Please see the nomination form for additional details. The previous Jane Langenbach Award recipients will review the nominations and vote for the winner. *Jane Langenbach Award Nominations must be submitted no later than Friday, December 9, 2011.*

Registration Information

Online registration is now available at <http://fdlrshrd.nefec.org/register/SIM2012.asp>. Our Pre-conference will start on Tuesday, January 31, 2012 with onsite registration at 8:00AM. Our regular conference will start on Wednesday, February 1, 2012 with onsite registration at 8:00AM and content starting promptly at 8:30AM. The Florida SIM Annual Update will conclude by 4:00PM on Thursday, February 2, 2012. *Please complete your online registration by Friday, December 9, 2011.*



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Hotel Reservations

Orlando Airport Marriott
7499 Augusta National Drive
Orlando, Florida 32822
407-851-9000 – local number

A block of rooms has been reserved for the evenings of January 30, 31 and February 1, 2012 at the reduced rate of \$111 per night based on double occupancy.

The FDLRS Administration/HRD Project will be paying for hotel rooms based on double occupancy only for participants who live **50 miles or more** from the hotel and who are currently employed in a district, private school or university setting. ***You will be responsible for contacting the hotel to make your own reservation.*** If you have a preferred roommate please be sure to verify your registration information with that person and then provide both names when you call the hotel. If you prefer a room to yourself you will be responsible for half of the \$111/night rate (\$55.50). Meals will be on your own.

Please call the hotel directly at 407-851-9000 by Friday, December 9, 2011 and ask for the “FL DOE/FDLRS” room block to make your reservation.

Travel Reimbursement Information

We will **NOT** be paying any attendees directly for their expenses; however we will be reimbursing local FDLRS Centers who sponsor SIM PDers’ (currently employed in a district, private school or university setting) attendance at this Update. All participants will be responsible for coordinating his/her individual travel reimbursement at the local level. Please contact your local FDLRS Associate Center (www.fdlrs.org) to make arrangements for travel reimbursement.

We look forward to seeing you in Orlando on **January 31 – February 2, 2012.**

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