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Dear Media Specialists:

The Florida Department of Education is currently preparing for the release of the 2008 Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test® (FCAT) scores. The FCAT Parent Network (www.fcatparentnetwork.com) is a vital resource for parents to access their student's test scores online and find other important information regarding their student's education. In an effort to make this resource available to all parents, we are asking Florida's public school libraries to assist us by making the FCAT Parent Network website easily accessible to parents who do not have computers or Internet access at home.

To support the Department with this endeavor, media specialists can help by doing the following:

- Bookmark or post desktop links to the FCAT Parent Network (www.fcatparentnetwork.com) and the document "Frequently Asked Questions about the FCAT Parent Network" (<http://fcat.fldoe.org/pdf/parentnetworkfaqs.pdf>) on all public computers with Internet access,
- Display one of the "Frequently Asked Questions about the FCAT Parent Network" brochures, which you will find attached, and
- Be available to answer questions about using the network and assist parents with accessing or navigating the website.

We encourage parents to be involved in every aspect of their student's education, and accessing their student's FCAT scores at the time of their release is important because scores often affect student placement decisions for the following school year. We appreciate the vital role that school libraries have in our communities and hope that you will assist us with this effort. For additional information about this endeavor, contact Susan Lee with the Office of Assessment at (850) 245-0513 or Susan.Lee@fldoe.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric J. Smith".

Dr. Eric J. Smith
Commissioner of Education

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