

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Principals and Special Education Contacts/Directors

**FROM:** Misty Kimbrough, Assistant State Superintendent  
Special Education Services

**DATE:** December 29, 2006

**SUBJECT:** *Professional development available for special education teachers building their HOUSSE.*

The Oklahoma State Department of Education (OSDE), Special Education Services (SES), is offering professional development opportunities for special education teachers working toward building their High Objective Uniform State Standard of Evaluation (HOUSSE).

OSDE-SES, in cooperation with National Writing Project Oklahoma, presents content areas professional development opportunities for special education teachers. Sessions will be offered in math, science, social studies, and language arts (see enclosed registration form for session times and locations). Presenters are Writing Project Teacher Consultants, all teachers themselves, with experience in their respective content areas. They offer presentations that are tailored to offer valuable content area knowledge and useful strategies for special education teachers based on current research.

Each conference will provide valuable professional development opportunities for Oklahoma's exceptional special education teaching force statewide. (Professional development credit will contribute to HOUSSE requirements under *No Child Left Behind*. Teachers will receive one point for each hour of training attended.

For more information, or if you have questions, please contact Mr. Alan Logan, Coordinator, OSDE-SES, by e-mail at <Alan\_Logan@sde.state.ok.us>, or by telephone at (405) 522-3255.

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cc: IDEA B Advisory Panel  
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