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To: DCMO School Library Media Specialists
From: John P. Brock, School Library System Coordinator
Date: September 11, 2007
Re: **C.E.R.F. Matching Fund Grant Program**

The School Library System (SLS) announces an in-kind matching funds grants proposal with to provide the Curriculum and Education Resource Finder (CERF, currently www.cerfinfo.com) through the Coordinated Cooperative Collection Development 503 COSER. CERF access is integrated with OPALS in a blend of library catalogs and search technologies that teachers can use to change learning experiences. It is a subscription Web directory of curriculum-based K-12 sites authenticated by the CERF staff for a targeted audience of teachers, students, and educators.

Media Flex is making the Knowledge Suite and Curriculink available at no cost to schools for the coming school year for testing and trial usage. This represent this next iteration of the integrated catalog, where teachers can upload curriculum maps and lesson plans, link to information literacy skills scope and sequence, and search across OPALS, CERF, NOVEL – the New York Online Virtual – ProQuest and other databases

The cost per school is \$300 per school for an annual subscription, of which the SLS will pay half this year. The remaining cost to schools of \$150 is aidable through the CCCD 503 Co-Ser. The SLS hopes to at a 25% match in 2008-2009, based upon system funding.

Please let the School Library System (SLS) know by **September 21, 2007** if your district will be participating in the 50% Matching Grant Program Coordinated Cooperative Collection Development Co-Ser 503 purchasing access to C.E.R.F. (www.cerfinfo.com) for the 2007-2008 school year. A current member plan on file with the SLS is required to participate in this matching grants program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at any time at 335-1371, or brockj@dcmoboces.com

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**C.E.R.F. Subscription
Grants Program**

School District: _____

We will be participating in CERF Grants Program in the '07-'08 school year:
 Yes ___ No ___

Superintendent's Signature: _____

Return by September 21, 2007 to:
 Rebecca Dixson, School Library System
 via BOCES daily delivery