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## Pupil Services, August 2007

I am pleased to inform you that Christine A. Kneeland, Administrator of Pupil Services has been selected to participate in this year's 2007 Special Education Leadership Academy in Westminster, MA. This academy is being provided by the Massachusetts Department of Education who has contracted with Learning Innovations of WestEd. Ms. Kneeland has been selected from a large pool of applicants from across the state with a final number of recipients at 30. Christine and her colleagues from throughout the state will engage in the following topics of critical interest to special education administrators:

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- Leadership and Systems Change
- Data Collection and Analysis
- Program Evaluation
- Instructional Program Design & Improvement
- Access to the General Education Curriculum
- Dispute Resolution and Conflict Management
- Laws and Regulations
- Finance and Fiscal Management
- Staff Recruitment, Retention and Professional Development

“Learning Innovations is a program of WestEd, a not-for-profit educational research and development organization. With offices in Woburn, Massachusetts, and Williston, Vermont, Learning Innovations has worked extensively with school districts in the northeast in areas including school improvement, leadership, school accountability, professional development, using data to guide decision-making and teacher recruitment and retention. Since 2000, Learning Innovations has also been home to the U.S. Office of Special Education Program's Northeast Regional Resource Center (NERRC), providing technical assistance to states in the implementation of the IDEA.

This is the fourth year that the Massachusetts Department of Education has contracted with Learning Innovations to offer this leadership academy. All of the Academy Faculty is affiliated with Learning Innovations at WestEd.” (Special Education Leadership Academy, 2007, p.2)

“Good leadership is about facilitating change.

Healthy change can only result in improvement in the programs for students with disabilities.

This is the time for special education administrators to lead the way in improving services.”

~ Steve Milliken, 2004 CASE President