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Dear District Superintendents and Independent Study Administrators and Principals:

**EXEMPLARY INDEPENDENT STUDY RECOGNITION AWARD**

The California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Consortium for Independent Study (CCIS) invite you to consider applying for the Exemplary Independent Study Recognition Award (EISRA). This award recognizes excellent educational practices in schools where independent study is the primary mode of instruction and creates a resource list of quality programs for school visits.

The 2009–10 EISRA application packet is available on the CDE Independent Study Web page at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/eo/is>. The packet includes the eligibility criteria, instructions for completing the application, and the forms to be submitted. If you are unable to access the application packet, please contact the Educational Options Office at 916-322-5012 and a copy will be e-mailed to you.

Please review the eligibility criteria; all eligible schools are encouraged to apply. An Intent to Submit Form is due to the CDE by October 30, 2009. Successful applicants will be identified through an application evaluation and site visit process.

If you have any questions regarding this subject, please contact Mary M. Jones, Education Programs Consultant, Educational Options Office, at 916-323-5034 or by e-mail at [mjones@cde.ca.gov](mailto:mjones@cde.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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