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TO LEA Superintendents

FROM Rebecca Garland, Chief Academic Officer

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2008-2009 Criteria for Recognition of Super Safe Schools (Triple "S" Schools)

The Department of Public Instruction is again pleased to announce the 2008-2009 criteria for recognition of Super Safe Schools. After reviewing the attached information, we encourage you to share this packet and the enclosed criteria for the Annual Triple "S" Recognition award with your school administrators. The overall goal is to recognize schools for decreasing the incidences of school crime and violence, and implementing strategies for maintaining safe, orderly and caring school environments, as evidenced by school data. The recognition process is strictly voluntary and is competitive. The Triple "S" Super Safe Schools criteria information and an Assessment Inventory, to be used during the process, can be downloaded at the following web address:

<http://www.ncpublicschools.org/safeschools/applications/triples>

Schools applying to the Department of Public Instruction for recognition consideration must have a written endorsement from the Superintendent and must submit an application notebook that contains the enclosed protocol criteria. A review committee will judge the application data and content using a rubric and may conduct an on-site visit. Superintendents and school principals will receive notification of the application status prior to the Safe Schools and Character Education Conference in February 2009. Recipients receiving the highest scores will be recognized during the conference.

The application must be received in the Program Monitoring and Support Services Division/Support Services Section office no later than **4:00 PM November 17, 2008**. Neither applications received after this date nor applications with incomplete information will be reviewed. All required information should be placed in **one three-ring binder with section tabs labeled in the order listed on the application form**. If there are any questions, please call Marguerite Peebles or Deborah Prickett in the Support Services Section at 919-807-3943. Please mail applications to the attention of Marguerite Peebles, Section Chief, Support Services Section, NCDPI, 6350 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-6350.

c: Charter Schools Office

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