

APPENDIX A

**Recruiting Future Educators, Present, and Future:
A Survey of Phi Delta Kappa's Future Educators Association**

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Future Educators Association National Survey

ALERT! Fifteen minutes is all it takes to fill in the blanks and support fellow FEA advisors.

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The deadline for mailing completed questionnaires is October 31, 2006*.

Dear FEA Chapter Advisor,

Phi Delta Kappa International, The Hoenny Center for Research and Development in Teaching, and The University of Missouri-St. Louis are collaborating on a national study of the FEA program. We are particularly interested in the content of your chapter's program and the processes you use to help your students explore teaching. We are also interested in learning how your chapter functions. This is an important study, and it is essential that your chapter complete this survey. Knowing about national practice will help strengthen your program, and we want you and your students to contribute your successes to the national picture.

Your responses are confidential and your chapter will not be singled out in the report without your permission. Even though participation is voluntary, we can build a more valid national picture if you participate.

We will send you a summary of the results when the final report is written. Our goal is to share our findings with attendees at the FEA 2007 national conference. To make that happen we will need all completed questionnaires on or before October 31*.

- 1) **Complete the questionnaire:** It only takes about 15 minutes to do.
- 2) **Involve your FEA members:** To gather important information, FEA members can talk with their teachers about the future-teacher organizations their teachers might have joined when they were in high school. Photocopy page 8 of the questionnaire for your students to use. Help them plan how to reach as many *different* teachers as possible, and collect and tally their interview reports.
- 3) **Share your materials:** We want to study and learn from the materials you have created locally to help your members learn about teaching. The Hoenny Center will establish an archive of these materials and will study them for further insights about how professional educators work with students like yours. We already have the national materials, so don't send those. Here are some kinds of materials we hope you will send, but don't be limited by these categories:

course syllabi	local tutoring manuals	teaching knowledge games
quizzes about teaching	chapter organization guides	project requirements
review sheets for quizzes	tutoring observation forms	meeting schedules/topics
requirements for awards	rubrics	"shadowing" guides, etc.

Please mail the completed questionnaire and all materials by October 31 to:

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****If you return your completed survey and it is postmarked or received by Internet on or before October 31, you'll be entered in a drawing for one of three cash prizes of \$200 to benefit your chapter, and other prizes from FEA. Thank you for your important contributions to the FEA program.***

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