

## **The PAEC Superintendents Announce:**

### **The PAEC Add-on Program for K-12 Reading Endorsement**

The development of the PAEC Add-on Program for K-12 Reading Endorsement for our 14 member districts has been completed and each district is in the process of getting the plan approved by their district school boards during the month of February 2004. Immediately upon approval by all 14 school boards, PAEC will send the proposed plan to the Florida Department of Education for approval. Upon approval by FLDOE, PAEC will immediately begin having regional meetings in the districts to share information and begin the enrollment process. Our understanding is that the requirement for having Reading Certification or Endorsement applies at this time to those teachers at the middle and secondary level responsible for teaching reading and must be completed by June 30, 2006. However, the PAEC Add-on Reading Endorsement will be open to all teachers, including those at the elementary level. PAEC will begin offering courses toward the Add-on Reading Endorsement during the Summer of 2004 and will publish a schedule during the Spring of 2004. Courses that meet the requirements (Ex. PAEC Reading Coaches Professional Development Series) taken by participants during school year 2002-2003 and school year 2003-2004 will count toward the endorsement. Please contact your district professional development director for more details or Pat Suggs at PAEC toll free at 1-877-USE-PAEC (873-7232), ext. 2317.