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Dear Administrator,

On behalf of the Florida Association for Media in Education (FAME) I would like to inform you of an upcoming event of importance for your organization. The 47th annual FAME Conference will be held November 6-8, 2019, at the Rosen Centre Hotel Orlando. FAME's Conference is an intense two and a half days of workshops, concurrent sessions, and keynote speakers focused exclusively on the needs of library media specialists (LMS), and will provide them with the tools he or she needs to run a successful library program that will further student achievement.

Conference attendees become FAME Members, which includes access to resources to lead, support, advocate, and collaborate with members of the school communities. Benefits of membership include: professional development resources, award opportunities, access to FAME publications (including the FAME Media Quarterly), advocacy efforts at the county and state levels to protect school libraries and funding, access to FAME's highly popular reading programs (Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Jr., SSYRA 3-5, SSYRA 6-8, and Florida Teens Read), and participation in the Jim Harbin Student Media Festival. We believe the value of the FAME conference far outweighs the cost!

Wednesday workshops will feature specialized learning centered around effective and engaging reading and writing programs (i.e. Poetry Slam), collection development, makerspace activities, and project based learning. Over 100 concurrent sessions will run in our meeting rooms, interactive Learning Lab and poster session spaces over the course of Thursday and Friday. The full conference agenda of concurrent sessions can be found on the Conference website fame-conference.com.

We understand that partnerships at the school level are key to impacting student achievement and so we also encourage you to attend with your LMS on Thursday, November 7th at a discounted rate of \$75.00. This registration includes our author keynote Nic Stone, admittance into our Exhibit Hall and Learning Lab area, as well as an afternoon filled with concurrent sessions.

Thank you for all you do every day to support teachers and student learning.

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