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Dear Education Partners,

Please see below for a press release on the most recent recommendations for spring break. Stay updated with all the latest news by looking at our website <u>HERE</u>.

All the best, Bethany

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Florida Department of Education Provides Recommendations for Spring Break

TALLAHASSEE, **Fla.**, **March 13**, **2020** – Today, Richard Corcoran, Commissioner of the Florida Department of Education, provided strong recommendations for extending spring break following <u>Centers for Disease</u> <u>Control and Prevention (CDC) issuing guidance specific to COVID-19 in Florida</u>. As all Florida school districts and public charter schools have different schedules, please click <u>here</u> to see the recommended spring break changes for each district. In addition, the department also announced that the start of state testing will be delayed by a minimum of two weeks.

Additional recommendations for schools and districts during spring break include:

- Canceling all extracurricular activities.
- Developing or perfecting the district or school instructional continuity plans.
- Deep cleaning each school.

"Keeping students healthy and safe is my number one priority, and that is why we are recommending that districts follow the CDC's guidance for Florida," **said Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran.** "We are continuing to monitor COVID-19, and I encourage all Floridians to remain informed and take the necessary precautions that have been issued by the CDC."

For more information on COVID-19, please visit the Florida Department of Health's website www.floridahealth.gov and the Florida Department of Education' website www.fldoe.org/em-response.

For more information on the CDC's recommendations specific to Florida, please visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/FL Community Mitigation.pdf.

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