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FSBA Members,

Our paramount concern continues to be the safety of you, your students and community, and your speedy recovery. If you missed our Post-Ian message #1 with some important reminders, it can be accessed [here](#). We will continue to send and post resources and recovery information in the coming days.

Contacts in both the FLDOE and Emergency Management assure us that power restoration to schools is high priority. Additionally, we are sharing your concerns regarding the need for shelters to relocate remaining evacuees, the need to replenish school facility supplies that were used during shelter use, and concerns regarding school make up days.

THANK YOU to each of you and your school district personnel who are #FLpublicschoolheroes. This week, they are showing time and time again across the state why public-school staff members are so vital to our communities. Because public schools represent the heart of a community and serve as an integral element of normalcy, school districts are looked to for guidance during times of chaos and stress. You are all shining examples of care, concern, thoughtful planning, and recovery.

The task of working through the logistics of clean up, getting school schedules restored, and recovering is monumental. Your district staff, the professionals you hire to manage these things, will need your support and some grace. Their plates are overflowing and, while they certainly want to keep you informed, you may feel that you aren't getting enough information. This is still currently a triage situation and immediate actions are being taken to protect people, assets, and facilities.

We will continue to be reaching out to your districts hear your needs and concerns so that we can best represent you and assist in access to resources. However, please feel free to call us with any questions you may have. We have had experience in assisting school districts during their recoveries from weather and other catastrophic events and, as your professional association, are here to assist you in any way we are able.

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