



Florida Department of Education

Letter to Teachers

Dear Florida Teachers,

During National Teacher Appreciation Week, I would like to take the opportunity to thank you on behalf of the State Board of Education and the entire Department of Education for your hard work and dedication to students. This is a time to recognize you for your efforts and contributions to the lives of Florida's students. You are making a difference each and every day that you enter the classroom. This weeklong celebration not only highlights the importance and rewards of the teaching profession, but also showcases the many achievements that we have accomplished together.

Education in Florida is unparalleled because of educators like you. Student achievement continues to rise, and this accomplishment reflects your commitment to promoting academic excellence for all students of our state. The state's focus on new middle and high school reforms, initiatives to increase math and science achievement, the advancements in career and technical education programs, and efforts to add more reading coaches to assist teachers in Florida schools will only be successful through your continued partnership and support.

Students not only benefit from your talents as teachers, but the state benefits greatly from your insights. We look forward to offering Florida educators increased opportunities to voice their concerns and give feedback directly to the Department of Education.

As a token of our appreciation, the Florida Department of Education is holding Teacher Appreciation Week events statewide and has also researched businesses providing special discounts and promotions for Florida educators. Please visit the "Just for Teachers" Web site at www.fldoe.org/justforteachers to view these opportunities.

Please know that you have my sincere respect and appreciation for all that you do. The demands and challenges you face each day in the classroom are unlike any other profession. Thank you for your selfless service to Florida's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeanine Blomberg".

Commissioner Blomberg