



**RON DESANTIS**  
GOVERNOR

***FLORIDA'S DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY***

**WHEREAS, it is essential to ensure that Florida's children have a strong foundation and a good education; and**

**WHEREAS, family engagement in education prepares Florida's students to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and**

**WHEREAS, fathers and father-figures play an important role in our children's development and academic success; and**

**WHEREAS, the involvement of fathers and father-figures in our children's education brings many benefits, including improved test results and academic performance, better attitudes towards school, and a decreased likelihood of behavioral concerns; and**

**WHEREAS, there are many ways that fathers and father-figures can engage in the education of their children, including assisting with homework, regularly attending parent-teacher conferences, having an open dialogue with teachers concerning academic progress, participating in school activities, and arranging work schedules to bring their children to or from school; and**

**WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education provides many resources and activities that highlight the significance of fatherhood engagement in education, acknowledge fathers and father-figures who foster a love of learning in their children, and encourage participation of fathers throughout the school year; and**

**WHEREAS, all schools are encouraged to invite fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant male role models to participate in the achievement and development of their children.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim September 25, 2019, as *Dads Take Your Child to School Day*.**



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 25th day of September, in the year two thousand nineteen.**

  
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Governor