



RON DeSANTIS
GOVERNOR

FLORIDA FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IN EDUCATION MONTH

WHEREAS, Florida is committed to providing a high-quality education for every child, and family engagement in a child's educational journey is crucial to their academic and social-emotional success; and

WHEREAS, parents are a child's first teacher, creating an environment where learning takes place not just in the classroom, but as an essential part of family life; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order 19-32 ensures that students are prepared to become civically engaged and knowledgeable adults who make positive contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, family-school partnerships provide many benefits that are essential to building community support for education and improving students' academic experiences, increasing graduation rates, and the likelihood of students enrolling in postsecondary educational and career opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Florida empowers parents to make the best educational decisions for their child and encourages schools and families to work together to support learning for all students throughout the school year; and

WHEREAS, there are many ways schools can foster connections with families to include sharing classroom expectations and their child's learning goals including offering volunteer, in-classroom activities and parent-school opportunities that support education; using multiple methods of communications to establish effective home-school collaborations; and providing opportunities for parents and families to support their child's learning; and

WHEREAS, this year, the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program was established to increase educational opportunities for Florida's students and families, and is the largest first-year implementation of a private school choice program in Florida, with 18,000 students benefitting; and

WHEREAS, funding increases passed by the Florida Legislature cleared the waitlist for the Gardiner Scholarship Program, benefitting students with special needs; and

WHEREAS, Florida Family Engagement in Education Month is an opportunity to recognize the exceptional contributions made by families who foster a love for learning in their child, and by educators who acknowledge the importance of family engagement as an integral part of the mission of all schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Ron DeSantis, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2019 as *Florida Family Engagement in Education Month* and encourage families and schools to create strong partnerships on behalf of the future of our children, our state, and our nation.



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 1st day of November, in the year two thousand nineteen.



Governor