

**Statewide Email**

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**FROM:** Henry Mack, Senior Chancellor

**TO:** District Career and Technical Education Directors  
District Technical College Directors  
Florida College System Workforce Administrators

**Via:** [Chancellor2@fldoe.org](mailto:Chancellor2@fldoe.org)

**SUBJECT:** New Chancellor

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Colleagues,

I am excited to announce the appointment of Dr. Kevin O’Farrell as the new Chancellor for the Division of Career and Adult Education. Beginning on April 25<sup>th</sup>, Dr. O’Farrell will officially assume responsibilities for the Division, continuing the great work of helping our students and adult learners access a quality career and technical education, and thereby, economic and social mobility.

Dr. O’Farrell currently serves as the provost of the Porter Campus at Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC). He brings with him over 14 years of experience in higher education, both as a faculty member and executive administrator. As the chief executive officer of the Porter Campus, he leads the second largest FTE generating campus in the PHSC system, serving over 4,200 students and 130 faculty and staff. Dr. O’Farrell is also the current Chairman of the Board of Directors for the North Tampa Bay Chamber of Commerce and serves on the Board of Directors for the Pasco Education Foundation. He routinely volunteers with local charitable organizations, including Shepard’s Village, a transitional housing nonprofit organization serving single-mothers. Dr. O’Farrell holds graduate degrees from the University of Central Florida and the University of South Florida in political science, public administration and education, and has taught government, public policy, social science and civic engagement. Kevin is an avid runner, reader, and gym-rat. He and his family are currently relocating to Tallahassee.

Serving as your Chancellor has been the greatest honor of my professional career. I cannot thank you enough for your warm welcome to me—now almost 3 years ago—in addition to your continued support and your enthusiasm for our shared mission. I would also like to thank the Division staff. In particular, I would like to acknowledge Tara Goodman, Gloria Spradley, and Kathleen Taylor. They have been by my side since the beginning and are among the finest public servants I know. Thank you for your professionalism, subject matter expertise, humility, and dedication to the State of Florida.

While I leave with a feeling of accomplishment, I am keenly aware of the fact that much has yet to be done, especially if we are to become number one in workforce education and

postsecondary attainment by 2030. Happily, I look forward to the future, together. I will remain with the Department of Education serving the Commissioner and our great Governor in a new capacity, as Senior Chancellor. The position will help oversee all postsecondary, workforce and economic development activity for the agency, and is itself responsible for the Divisions of Florida Colleges, Blind Services, Vocational Rehabilitation, Career and Adult Education, and the Commission for Independent Education.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the interim, should you like to get in contact with Dr. O'Farrell, please email: [Chancellor2@fldoe.org](mailto:Chancellor2@fldoe.org). We will be sure to forward your inquiry.

Gratefully,

Henry

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