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Dear Florida Parents,

When I became Commissioner of Education in July 2025, I set two priorities for Florida's schools: student safety and academic achievement.

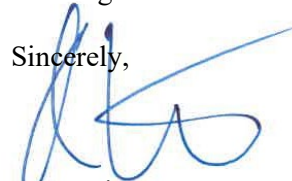
I am pleased to share that progress monitoring results for the 2025-2026 school year continue to show students succeeding thanks to Florida's first-in-the-nation progress monitoring assessments. The percentage of students scoring a level 3 or higher on the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) Progress Monitoring English Language Arts first assessment (PM1) of the school year rose 3 percentage points from PM1 last school year and 7 percentage points higher than PM1 results in 2022-2023 when the progress monitoring assessments were first administered. In addition, the percentage of students scoring a level 3 or higher on PM1 in Mathematics increased by 1 percentage point from last year and increased by 4 percentage points from the first PM1 assessment in 2022-2023.

Thanks to the leadership of Governor Ron DeSantis, parents can easily track their children's progress throughout the school year and partner with schools to ensure growth. Schools use these results to provide necessary interventions and acceleration, and the law is clear: **parents must be informed and involved in this process**. Since PM1 takes place at the beginning of the school year and tests the entire set of standards for that grade, you may not see the performance you were expecting; however, you should see your student progressing by PM2 with the goal of all students performing on grade level by PM3 once all standards are taught. Our students continue to demonstrate their learning year-over-year, and I look forward to even greater numbers of students scoring level 3 or above following the PM2 and PM3 results later this school year.

In addition, the Florida Department of Education is proud to provide parent resources for student success in [Mathematics](#) and [English Language Arts](#) to help families support learning at home. Each guide outlines key concepts and skills taught by grade level, defines important terms, and offers practical activities and questions to encourage learning beyond the classroom – all aligned to the B.E.S.T. Standards.

I am proud of the partnership among our students, parents, and educators. Together, we will continue ensuring safe schools and strong academic outcomes for every child in Florida.

Sincerely,



Anastasios Kamoutsas