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Dear Florida Teachers and Parents:

As we close out the 2025-2026 school year, I want to recognize the incredible partnership that continues to drive Florida's success: teachers and parents working together to put students first. Florida's educators remain among the very best in the nation, and families across our state continue to play an essential role to support student learning and achievement. The partnership between families and schools remains the greatest strength in education, and our students benefit every day because of your investment in their future.

Even as we celebrate the accomplishments of this year, we are already looking toward the next. Summer provides an opportunity to reflect, plan and prepare for the future. School and district leaders are preparing for another successful year. Educators are engaging in professional learning, strengthening their practice and developing new ways to help students succeed. Throughout Florida, the work of education continues because the future we envision for students deserves thoughtful preparation today.

To Florida's teachers: thank you for the difference you make every day. You spark curiosity, build confidence and equip students with the knowledge and skills they need to succeed in the next grade level, in college, in careers and in life. Through high-quality instruction and high expectations, you help students master academic standards, overcome challenges and reach their full potential. Long after students leave your classroom, they carry forward the knowledge, habits and opportunities you've helped to create. Florida's students are stronger because of your talent, dedication and steadfast commitment to excellence.

To Florida's parents: thank you for the extraordinary role you play in your child's education. Your partnership, encouragement and daily commitment make a lasting difference in the lives of your children. Supporting a child's education requires time, sacrifice, patience and dedication. Thank you for the countless ways you have supported your children, your schools and your communities throughout this school year. You are your child's first and most important teacher, and your influence continues far beyond the classroom. As we look ahead, it is imperative that you remain engaged in your child's educational journey.

Thank you for making this year one of purpose, progress and achievement. Together, we will continue building a future where every Florida student can learn, grow and succeed.

Sincerely,

Anastasios Kamoutsas