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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Anastasios Kamoutsas

DATE: June 26, 2026

SUBJECT: **Celebration of Statewide Achievement**

As the 2025–2026 school year comes to a close, I want to extend my sincere gratitude to Florida's teachers, students, and families for their unwavering commitment to student success. Today, I am proud to share that Florida's students have once again demonstrated remarkable achievement and growth.

For the third consecutive year, student performance increased across every statewide assessment. These results affirm that Florida's first-in-the-nation progress monitoring system is helping students, teachers, and families stay focused on learning throughout the school year and is producing measurable results.

This year marks an especially significant milestone. For the first time since the implementation of progress monitoring, more than 60% of Florida students are performing on or above grade level in both English Language Arts and Mathematics.

In English Language Arts, 61% of students in grades 3 through 10 are now performing on or above grade level. Since progress monitoring began in 2023, more than 150,000 additional students are meeting performance expectations. In Mathematics, 62% of students in grades 3 through 8 are performing on or above grade level, and nearly 115,000 additional students are meeting that benchmark across all mathematics assessments compared to 2023.

These accomplishments did not happen by chance. They reflect the dedication of Florida's teachers, the support of families, and the hard work of students who show up every day ready to learn and grow.

Galatians 6:7 reminds us that, "...for whatever a man sows, that will he also reap." As Floridians, we understand that achievement is built through consistent effort, purposeful learning, and a commitment to excellence.

Thank you for your continued partnership and dedication to Florida's students.

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