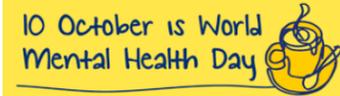


October is NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH The goal: encourage schools, communities and organizations to work together to stop bullying and cyberbullying and put an end to hatred and racism by increasing awareness of the prevalence and impact of all forms of bullying on all children of all ages. The **STOMP Out Bullying™ Online Student Participation Toolkit** can be found using the following link: <https://www.stompoutbullying.org/campaigns/national-bullying-prevention-awareness-month/stomp-out-bullying-student-participation-toolkit/>



WORLD TEACHERS DAY is held yearly on *October 5*, with the purpose of “acknowledging, evaluating and enhancing the instructors of the world” and to give a chance to consider the issues identified with educators and the teaching process in general.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY is on October 10 every year, with the overall objective of raising awareness of mental health issues around the world and mobilizing efforts in support of mental health. More information on mental health and providing support for individuals use the Mental Health First Aid site at <https://www.mentalhealthfirstaid.org>.



STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

REQUIRED HISTORY INSTRUCTION Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran applauded the State Board of Education for requiring accountability in the delivery of important required instruction including Holocaust education, African American history, Hispanic heritage, women’s history, civics and more [outlined in Florida Statutes](#). This initiative builds on Governor Ron DeSantis’ [Executive Order 19-32](#) to ensure Florida students receive the best education in the nation. This rule will go into effect October 2019.

CHILD TRAFFICKING INSTRUCTION The State Board of Education unanimously approved a new rule requiring instruction in child trafficking prevention for students in grades K-12. The new rule also establishes procedures for school districts to plan and document delivery of the required instruction. The new rule requires that by December 1 of each year, each school district must submit an implementation plan to the commissioner and post the plan on the school district website. Additionally, by July 1 of each year, each school district must submit an annual report to the commissioner to verify completion of the instruction.

FLORIDA STANDARDS Governor DeSantis issued Executive Order 19-32 to eliminate Common Core. This mandate directed Commissioner Corcoran to review the academic standards for Florida’s kindergarten through grade twelve students and provide recommended revisions to the Governor by January 1, 2020. The second draft of the revised Mathematics and English Language Arts standards are available for review at www.floridastandardsreview.org. Floridians have the opportunity to provide public input regarding the proposed revisions during the *Florida Standards Listening Tour*. The remaining tour dates and locations are listed below:

October 17 – Hillsborough County, Jefferson High School

October 22 – Hamilton County, Hamilton County High School

October 21 – St. Johns County, Liberty Pines Academy

October 23 – Walton County, Walton High School

All meetings will be held at 5:30 pm – 6:30 pm local time. Doors will open at 5:00 pm local time. In addition to the listening tour, the public can submit feedback on each of the second draft standards individually at www.floridastandardsreview.org or email at standardsreview@fldoe.org. For more information, including addresses and locations please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/standardsreview/>

ACADEMIC AND CAREER RESOURCES

The Florida Department of Education, Standards & Instructional Support office developed *Teacher Toolkits* to support teacher in planning instruction for students in all grade levels and content areas. To access these toolkits please use the following link: <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/toolkits>.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE AND CAREERS

Education Quest Foundation developed the *Reality Check Tool* to help students explore whether or not they can achieve their desired lifestyle based on their chosen career path. To use this tool click on the following link <https://www.educationquest.org/myeducationquest/reality-check/>.

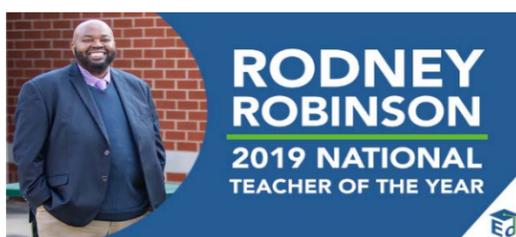
UPCOMING EVENTS

Webinar Series: Florida Virtual College Week October 28-30, 2019

Open to all Florida High School Students, Parents and Educators. This webinar series is a three-day event that will provide high school counselors, students and parents with a wide variety of live webinars, featuring experts in the areas of college and university admissions, scholarships, financial aid and career planning. Each day will focus on different topics which speakers from a variety of institutions from the Florida College System, the State University System and the Florida Department of Education. To register, please use the following link <https://www.floridashines.org/go-to-college/make-a-plan-to-shine-in-college/virtual-college-week>

Educational Strategies & Student Engagement Institute (ESSEI) November 18-20, 2019

The Florida Department of Education coordinates efforts with the Florida Education Foundation to host the **Educational Strategies & Student Engagement Institute (ESSEI)** in Orlando, Florida on November 18 -20, 2019. ESSEI convenes professionals from school districts, agencies and other sectors of the community to build knowledge and enhance skills on educational strategies proven to promote student achievement and college and career readiness. To view upcoming ESSEI information: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/family-community/essei/>



Rodney Robinson

2019 National Teacher of the Year

Rodney Robinson is one of the keynote speakers at the 2019 Educational Strategies and Student Engagement Institute. Mr. Robinson's mom grew up during segregation and was not able to graduate from high school due to poverty. Still, she taught him to value learning. He took it to heart, becoming a teacher in order to honor her. Mr. Robinson teaches at Virgie Binford Education Center, a school inside the Richmond Juvenile Detention Center in Virginia.

To learn more about Mr. Robinson, click on the following link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SI5X-6qTefU>

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