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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2020

TO: School District Superintendents, Public Charter Schools and Private Schools

FROM: Richard Corcoran, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Extension of K-12 School Campus Closures Through May 1, 2020

Pursuant to President Trump’s announcement that social distancing guidelines be extended through April 30 to slow the spread of COVID-19, the CDC’s guidance that states should reevaluate the need to extend school campus closures every 15 days, and the upcoming April 15 school campus closure deadline set forth in DOE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-01, I hereby strongly recommend that school districts, public charter schools and private schools keep campuses closed through Friday, May 1, 2020.

In keeping with districts’ and schools’ instructional continuity plans, each district and school must continue to deliver educational services to students while they remain at home.

For informational purposes this is the quote I will be providing to the media: “While we work together to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, one constant remains—students can and will continue to receive a great education in Florida. It is essential that students do not fall behind and are still receiving instruction, even when they are not in the classroom. Florida has superb superintendents and educators whose commitment to implementing distance learning for all of Florida’s students is unmatched. It is crucial that we keep students safe and healthy, and I will continue working with each and every district to ensure that they have all the resources necessary as we respond to COVID-19.”

Please visit <http://www.fldoe.org/em-response/resources-families.stml> for free resources, guidance on distance learning, and information related to COVID-19 in Florida. You can also visit the Florida Department of Health’s website at www.floridahealthcovid19.gov for up to date information on COVID-19 cases in Florida.

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