



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

*FLORIDA PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IN EDUCATION*

WHEREAS, family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success from pre-school through college, and sets the foundation for preparing Florida's students to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and

WHEREAS, creating an environment where learning takes place not just in a classroom, but as a central part of family life, requires that parents play an active role in their children's education; and

WHEREAS, research indicates that there is a direct correlation between the high expectations and positive contributions of a child's parents and high student achievements; and

WHEREAS, the role of parents in creating a successful pre-school through college education system for Florida's children cannot be overstated; and

WHEREAS, Florida is home to numerous organizations that stand ready to assist parents help their children, including but not limited to, Central Florida Parent Center, Family Café, Inc., Family Network on Disabilities, and Parent to Parent of Miami; and

WHEREAS, Florida's educational leaders are developing resources for parents who want to engage more fully in their children's education and to strengthen the connections between parents and schools; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Education staff are available to provide information, resources, and training to support families and educators in using school and state accountability data to help make informed school choice decisions, and to establish effective home-school collaborations for families to be actively involved in the academic achievement and development of students; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the critical contributions made by parents who foster a love for learning in their children, and by educators who acknowledge the importance of parental involvement, and to encourage making parental involvement an integral part of the mission of all schools.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all observing November as *Florida Parental Involvement in Education Month* and encourage parents and schools to create strong partnerships on behalf of the future of our children, the State of Florida and our nation.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, in the year two thousand eleven.

A blue ink signature of Rick Scott, written in a cursive style.

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Governor