



# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

October 25, 2012

CONTACT:

William J. "Bill" Montford, Chief Executive Officer  
Florida Association of District School Superintendents  
850.577.5784

## FLORIDA SUPERINTENDENTS SUPPORT GOVERNOR SCOTT'S INITIATIVE TO ELIMINATE COSTLY AND BURDENSOME RULES & REGULATIONS

Tallahassee, FL – As Constitutional officers charged to oversee the education of Florida's 2.6 million public education students, Florida's superintendents are committed to the ultimate goal of educational success for each and every student. To that end, superintendents are supportive of Governor Scott's initiative to eliminate costly and burdensome rules and regulations as outlined in his recently released 2013 education plan. Current regulations hinder optimal operations within the school district, and the end result is a higher cost to taxpayers.

Florida superintendents are also encouraged by the Governor's support for additional funding for public education, which is particularly crucial as our state moves towards national Common Core standards coupled with the implementation of legislatively mandated computer-based testing across all grade levels. As Florida continues to raise the educational bar and increase rigor and high standards; it is crucial that we do so with a clear understanding of all parameters that impact learning and consciously address the inadequacies, many of which relate directly to funding.

"I have worked more than 40 years as a former school superintendent, high school principal and teacher and I know first-hand the critical importance of education" states Florida Association of District Schools Superintendents (FADSS) Bill Montford. "Whether it is job creation or quality of life; it all hinges on a good, sound, public education system. And adequate funding is crucial to that success."

Florida superintendents are committed to working with the Governor to increase education options for our students including charter schools; with a fundamental goal of ensuring that all school choice options are accountable, accessible to all students, and ultimately responsible to the taxpayer. Any school entity in Florida that receives a single tax-payer dollar should be held to the same fiscally accountable standards.

"Florida superintendents look forward to working with the Governor and all stakeholders in taking a comprehensive look at all of the factors that impact student performance in order to gain a more complete and accurate assessment to affect real and substantive change in terms of increasing student achievement throughout the state, adds Montford."

###

**Media Contact: Diana Shelton Oropallo**  
doropallo@fadss.org | 850.591.2669