Hello, Florida Families, my name is Jacob Oliva and I am the Chancellor of K-12 in the Division of Public Schools, with the Florida Department of Education.

November is Family Engagement Month, and we are excited to share some great ideas of strategies for you to become more engaged. We want to thank you for your role of supporting your child to make sure that they are successful in school.

As a dad, I can tell you firsthand how important it is to be a role model and be there for your children and supporting them in their education. Oftentimes we’re running around from the baseball field and the soccer field and then supporting them with homework at night but being present is such an important part of the process. One of the most important things you can do is make sure that your child is in school, ready to learn each and every single day. We know that with students that have fewer absences from school, they perform better. You can also support your child’s education by helping them with their homework, reading to them each and every single night, getting to know your teacher, your principal, and your school counselor, staying engaged in community events, and school nights out and parent teacher conferences are really important.

I want to thank the schools and communities for their role in promoting and celebrating family engagement month throughout November and more importantly throughout the entire year. Thank you for being involved in your child’s education.