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Dear School District Superintendents, Charter School Governing Boards and State College Presidents,

The Florida Department of Education recently became aware of potential issues with tutor.com, a resource that certain school districts, charter schools and state colleges may be using.

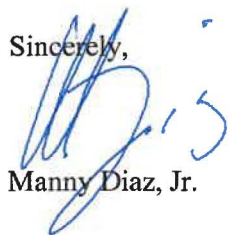
Tutor.com is owned by Primavera Capital, which is headquartered in a foreign country of concern, China. Ties to foreign countries of concern may compromise student data privacy, which we will never allow in Florida schools. In fact, Primavera Capital was recently investigated by the Florida Department of Education and was found to be headquartered in China. The State Board of Education has recently adopted rules to strengthen and protect the privacy of student data to keep it out of the hands of bad actors.

Let me be clear, school districts, charter schools and state colleges should not contract with companies that have ties to foreign countries of concern and risk comprising student data. School districts, charter schools and state colleges must take measures to ensure that all of their contracts comply with Florida law and State Board of Education rule in order to protect students' data. Institutions must take the necessary steps to protect their students from nefarious foreign actors such as the Chinese Communist Party.

As Commissioner of Education, I am committed to protecting Florida students while ensuring they have access to the highest quality materials and educational opportunities. Your immediate attention to this matter is required to ensure the success of Florida students.

Govern yourselves accordingly.

Sincerely,



Manny Diaz, Jr.