

Statewide Email

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TO: District Career and Technical Education Directors
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SUBJECT: Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

Colleagues:

Over 130 million Americans, between the ages of 16 and 74, lack proficiency in literacy and struggle with numeracy. In Florida, there are over 4 million of these adults. These deficits in English, math and language proficiency further exacerbate challenges associated with access to healthcare, financial independence and socio-economic mobility.

We have prioritized adult education and family literacy in Florida, with the aim of becoming the number one state in literacy in the nation. Groundbreaking initiatives and committed unprecedented investments of over \$322 million into adult education and family literacy will help all of us. Through programs like the “New Worlds Reading Initiative” and “Get There” we are eliminating achievement gaps, ensuring Florida’s prosperity and most of all—empowering Floridians.

In this spirit, we recognize the tireless efforts of adult education providers and the students they serve by celebrating Adult Education and Family Literacy Week from September 19-25.

Please join us in celebration of Adult Education and Family Literacy Week by showcasing the impact of adult education to your local community and online. We invite you to use the graphics, available [here](#), to demonstrate the unified commitment of Florida’s educators to adult education and family literacy across our great state.

Lastly, we are also pleased to announce that the State Board of Education authorized permanent offerings of the Online Proctored (OP) GED exam. As seen over the past year, the OP GED exam increases student access, convenience, and, in some cases, affordability. To best serve our students, we continue to offer both in-person and online proctored exams.

For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.fldoe.org/academics/career-adult-edu/hse/> or contact Diane Vaccari at diane.vaccari@fldoe.org.

Best and thank you for all you do!

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