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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Paul O. Burns, Ed.D.

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 SUBJECT:
 Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2025

The Just Read, Florida! Office and the Florida Department of Education (FDOE), in partnership with other FDOE offices, school districts, state organizations and agencies, are planning the 17th annual statewide *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2025* events. *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2025* is scheduled for the week of **January 27-31, 2025**, so please save the dates for this important week of events.

The goal of this year's *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* is to inspire a love of reading and writing while strengthening literacy skills in the students of Florida. We are excited to partner with the Florida Education Foundation to engage in fun and exciting reading experiences with select schools and classrooms across the state.

This year, our *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* theme is **Building Literacy: Constructing the Foundation for Success**. With this theme in mind, we are encouraging schools to participate in reading books related to workforce education (e.g., architecture, construction, engineering) in an effort to connect Governor DeSantis' <u>Get There Workforce Education Initiative</u>.

Finally, attached is the *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* 2025 district events template. Districts are encouraged to complete this template with the activities and events planned for *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* and submit it to JustRead@fldoe.org by January 10, 2025. Each district should also coordinate with each charter school it sponsors. A sampling of district-submitted schedules will be posted on the *Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!* webpage for public viewing. This is a great opportunity to share your district's plan with the community to support literacy.

For more information, please visit the <u>Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!</u> webpage. Thank you for your dedication to promote literacy as a top priority in your district and schools!

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Attachment

DR. PAUL O. BURNS SENIOR CHANCELLOR