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## **SUPERINTENDENTS EMBRACE COMPREHENSIVE ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES AND TRANSPARENCY – NOT DISTRICT RANKING BASED SOLELY ON FCAT SCORES**

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) reiterates its commitment to high accountability measures that are comprehensive, transparent and take into account all the factors that play a role in the educational achievement of students. Ranking school districts based on one factor alone – FCAT scores – is a disservice to the students, parents, teachers, administrators, other educators, and our communities at-large.

“Florida superintendents have always embraced high standards of accountability and transparency; however ranking school districts using only one of a multitude of factors that have been proven to affect educational outcomes may not be the most productive method,” states Okaloosa County Schools Superintendent Alexis Tibbetts. Adding, “All public schools already receive a grade from the Department of Education (DOE) based on multiple performance measures, which provides a complete picture of the true academic success of Florida’s public school students.”

The public school system is a microcosm of the communities they serve, and not all schools and school districts are equal in terms of funding, economic vitality, poverty levels, etc. – all factors that play a significant role in the success of the public school system. Florida superintendents have always been focused on the ultimate goal of educational success for every student; however there are substantial economic and fiscal hurdles that continue to undermine that goal.

“Superintendents are encouraged that the Governor has stated he is receptive to exploring the multiple factors that affect educational achievement,” states FADSS President and Orange County Schools Superintendent Ronald Blocker. “We look forward to working with the Governor, Commissioner Robinson 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.”

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