



# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

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## **SUPERINTENDENTS SUPPORT GOVERNOR SCOTT'S COMMITMENT TO SCHOOL SAFETY**

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) recognizes and appreciates Florida Governor Rick Scott's demonstrated commitment to address the critical issue of school safety and mental health in Florida public schools through his proposed \$500 million plan for increased safety measures and mental health resources.

“While Florida's pattern has been to underfund school psychologists and resource officers,” states FADSS President and Broward County School Superintendent Robert Runcie. “We are urging the legislature to provide full funding to reverse this trend and we applaud Governor Scott for his leadership on this critical issue,” adds Runcie.

While there is not agreement on all elements of the governor's proposal, we all do agree that we need to keep our students safe. Significant funding specifically earmarked to address all aspects of school safety will help us meet this challenge.

“This is a complex issue with many stakeholders, and we reaffirm our commitment to work with Governor Scott and the Florida Legislature in securing passage of meaningful legislation with appropriate funding so that we can ensure the continued safety and well-being of Florida students,” adds Runcie.

As Constitutional Officers charged to oversee the education and safety of Florida's more than 2.8 million public education students, Florida superintendents stand united in urging the Florida Legislature to support sufficient funding for increased safety measures and mental health resources in Florida public schools.

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