

# CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida representing 1,000,000 Florida students and their families.

October 14, 2015

The Honorable Rick Scott  
Executive Office of the Governor  
400 S. Monroe St.  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Governor Scott,

The Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition (CFPSBC) is comprised of 13 school districts along the I-4 corridor and represents over one million students and their families. The CFPSBC supports the position of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) in advocating for a strong and reliable accountability system in Florida.

The Coalition joins Florida superintendents in recommending that the state:

- Suspend any application of results from the spring 2015 administration of the FSA to students, teachers and schools.
- Issue an "I" (Incomplete) to all Florida schools for the 2014-2015 school year due to the lack of data for calculating learning gains.
- Reject the concept that proficiency levels set for the FSA mirror the proficiency levels of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP) because there is no evidence that NAEP is fully aligned to or measures the Florida Standards.
- Conduct an extensive review of the accountability system, including the multiple changes that have been implemented over the last several years.

It is the intent of the CFPSBC to avoid any negative impact on students, teachers and schools as a result of using 2015 accountability data. In addition, we must protect our local communities from negative economic impacts that will occur due to using the flawed testing data and school grading system. Our districts have witnessed the erosion of public support for Florida's accountability system. The citizens of the State of Florida deserve nothing less than an accountability system that uses methods and measurements that are above reproach.

Floridians are relying on your leadership to take executive action to implement the four recommendations listed above and stand with us to be the advocate for quality education and accountability in the state of Florida.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our recommendations. Please contact me at your convenience if I may be of service to you.

Sincerely,



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