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Greetings Teachers,

Thank you for your patience, understanding and coordination during these last few weeks. Everyone is doing a remarkable job adjusting to a dramatically new routine. During this unprecedented time, it is imperative that students receive the stability and security they need to be successful, and we know each and every one of you are dedicated to your students. Thank you for your swift and diligent work preparing distance learning plans and continuing to inspire the minds of Florida children.

The Florida Department of Education has created a webpage to ensure you have a one-stop shop for your educational needs as you prepare for distance learning. This webpage, <u>www.fldoe.org/em-response</u> includes free resources for educators, students and parents, best practices for distance learning, frequently asked questions, and guidance ranging from topics including assessments, IEPs, instructional hours, and many more. It also includes resources in Spanish.

We also encourage you to access up-to-date information and resources from the <u>Florida Department</u> <u>of Health (FDOH) website</u> or the <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website</u>. Please direct any questions about COVID-19 in Florida to FDOH at <u>COVID-19@flhealth.gov</u>.

Here are a few great examples of what's taking place throughout Florida. Please feel free to tag the Florida Department of Education @EducationFL on <u>Twitter</u> or <u>Facebook</u>, to share a smile and highlight how each of you are the best teachers in the nation.



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Today we donated cases of supplies from our medical and construction academies -- including face masks, gloves and sanitizing wipes -- to local hospitals. PCPS believes in the power of community partnerships to solve any problem, even this one.



As school campus closures are extended through May 1st and we continue to mitigate through this crisis, our default is compassion, and we will do whatever it takes to get through this. The department will continue working with school districts to offer guidance and assistance as needed. These are unprecedented times, and you have the department's support 100%. The health and safety of Florida's students is our top priority, and the department will continue doing everything we can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

All the best,

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