

Florida Department of Education

Virtual Education Newsletter

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Welcome!

My solo journey in virtual education has come to an end with two new DOE employees joining me. With a few extra hands, we are going to provide our Florida virtual friends a quarterly newsletter to share state news and announcements with you and for you to share your news and announcements with us and each other. We would love your input about what you would like to see in the newsletter. And if you have a suggestion for a name and logo for the newsletter, please let us know by emailing us at

virtualeducation@fldoe.org. Happy reading!

Sally

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New Faces in the Virtual Education Office at DOE!

Asa Monroe and Sandy Eggers have joined Sally Roberts in the Virtual Education Office. Asa joined the staff part-time in August as a Student Assistant and is also a student at Tallahassee Community College. He primarily assists with district contract submissions, the newsletter, office memos and travel, emails and phone calls. He can be reached at Asa.Monroe@fldoe.org. Sandy is a Program Specialist who joined the office in November. She spent 24 years in private education and one year in the Department of Education's School Choice office in the charter school program area before coming onboard the virtual world. She oversees the district VIP contract submission process, monitors virtual program operational audit responses, helps coordinate the VIP provider approval process and provides information and technical assistance about virtual education program options, requirements and legislation. She can be reached at Sandra.Eggers@fldoe.org.

News from the Districts

We want to hear from you! Please email articles and events that are happening in your virtual district. For the next newsletter, please submit information by May 15 to be included in the June Quarterly News. Please include the topic in the subject line. Email: virtualeducation@fldoe.org

VIP Approval Process

The following Providers are approved for the 2013 ~ 2014 school year:

- [Florida Connections Academy](#) (Grades K-8 for 2013-14 to 2015-16)
- [K12 Florida](#) (Grades K-12 for 2013-14 to 2015-16)
- [National Networks of Digital Schools](#) (Grades K-5 for 2012-13 to 2014-15)
- [Somerset Virtual Academy](#) (Grades 6-12 for 2012-13 to 2014-15)

Famous Quote:

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - *Helen Keller*



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Google Group

Are you looking for a way to connect and collaborate with other district virtual leaders? The FLDVIPN Google Group consists of teachers and administrators from throughout Florida's public district virtual instruction programs. Members use this email list server to brainstorm, ask questions, and share ideas and resources. It couldn't be easier to join the conversation! Email JoAnne Glenn (jglenn@pasco.k12.fl.us) to be directly added as a member.

News from Providers

Let us know what is happening as it relates to the Florida districts that you serve. For the next newsletter, please submit information by May 15 to be included in the June Quarterly News. Please include topic in the subject line.

Legislative Updates

Please stay tuned for the June Newsletter that will have the latest information on virtual legislation that passed during the 2013 Legislative Session.

Questions about Legislation?

Session ends May 3. Please send questions to the virtual education mailbox (virtualeducation@fldoe.org) to be included in our Q & A for the 2013-14 school year.

Virtual Updates

The virtual world changes quickly and so does the contact information! Please keep us current with updated names, phone numbers and email addresses of district contacts, FLVS Franchise Managers and any other staff members that would be interested in receiving virtual news and updates. Please mail updates to: virtualeducation@fldoe.org