



My Favorite No

April 5, 2017

This past week I was reading [Why People are Afraid of Math](#), a recent blog from Janna Peskett, Director of Digital Content and Curriculum Design for Mindset Works. In the blog, Janna introduces several ways that we can help students overcome their fear of math. She highlights a few ways to normalize mistakes and in doing so introduced this video, [My Favorite No](#).



I was really excited about this idea, and I am interested in learning how you normalize and advance learning through mistakes. I look forward to hearing about your strategies through email and twitter; as always, please remember to include #FloridaMindset.

Best wishes,

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Governor Rick Scott Supports Teachers

Dear Friends,

Thank you for your hard work in preparing Florida's students for success. Throughout my administration, I have been committed to investing in education and this year is no different.

Along with a historic investment in K-12, I proposed \$43 million in my Fighting for Florida's Future budget specifically to recruit and retain great teachers like yourself:

- \$10 million for a one time hiring bonus for Florida’s teachers testing in the top 10 percent of the Subject Area Examination in the subject they are teaching in the 2017-2018 school year;
- \$5 million to increase the diversity of the teachers in critical shortage and high need areas;
- \$5.9 million to recruit Bright Futures Scholars that major in Education and commit to four years of teaching following graduation in the rural district from which they graduated high school;
- \$16 million for districts to implement targeted recruitment and retention initiatives that meet the districts’ needs; and
- \$6.1 million to reward great teachers in low performing schools.

I also proposed \$15 million to eliminate the fees for initial and renewal teacher certifications. This will save each of Florida’s aspiring teachers approximately \$555 on their initial certification costs and each of Florida’s employed public school teachers \$75 on their certification renewal.

Please call, email, and write to your Senator and your Representative to let them know why you support these important initiatives. You may find the contact information for your local state legislator by [clicking here](#) for the Florida Senate and [clicking here](#) for the Florida House.

Sincerely,

Rick Scott
Governor

Featured Tweets



Hot Teaching Topics

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in 2015, an estimated 683,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect. Child Abuse Prevention Month is an opportunity to remind all Floridians that state law requires **everyone** to report known or suspected child abuse to the Florida Department of Children and Families. Technological advancements have made it simpler than ever; reports can be made online [here](#), by phone at 1-800-96-ABUSE (1-800-962-2873) or via fax at 1-800-914-0004.

Florida Humanities Council Summer 2017 Workshops

The Florida Humanities Council is offering tuition-free humanities-based workshops for Florida teachers of all subjects and grade levels. Programs take place around the state and topics include Colonial St. Augustine heritage and culture; Peoples of Florida through the centuries; The Civil War – beyond the battleground; Sustainability; and Florida’s climates.

For detailed program information and to apply by the **April 9, 2017** deadline visit, <https://floridahumanities.org/educators/workshops/>.

Information and Resources from the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support

In keeping with the mission of the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support to provide services, resources, guidance and professional development to teachers and other stakeholders a new webpage has been developed that includes highlights of the month, upcoming webinars, recently recorded webinars, upcoming events and monthly updates. This webpage will be updated monthly with the newest information.

To view the latest information and resources, visit, <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/standards/resources.stml>.

If you have questions, content suggestions or comments, please email Standards&Instruction@fldoe.org.