



RICK SCOTT
GOVERNOR

DADS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY

WHEREAS, family involvement in a child's learning is critical to student success from preschool through college and sets the foundation for preparing Florida's students to be life-long learners and meaningful contributors to society; and

WHEREAS, research indicates there is a correlation between the impact of a father's involvement in their children's education and their academic success; and

WHEREAS, research further indicates when fathers are actively involved, students perform better academically, have fewer discipline problems, and become more responsible adults; and

WHEREAS, Florida's educational leaders are providing opportunities for fathers to engage more fully in their children's education and to strengthen the connections between fathers and schools; and

WHEREAS, Florida Department of Education staff members are available to provide information, resources, and training to support families and educators in using school and state performance data, making informed school choice decisions, and establishing effective home-school collaborations so that families can be actively involved in the academic achievement and development of students; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate to recognize the critical contributions made by fathers who foster a love for learning in their children, and by educators who acknowledge the importance of family engagement and encourage participation by fathers as an integral part of the mission of all schools;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby proclaim September 28, 2016, as *Dads Take Your Child to School Day* and encourage elementary schools to participate in this event by inviting fathers, stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant male role models to take part.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 27th day of September, in the year two thousand sixteen.



Governor