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Richard Corcoran
Commissioner of Education

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Dear Healthy Schools Summer Academy Participants and Partners:

As a state, nation and global society we are collectively implementing strategies and practices that help ensure the safety and health of our residents as we confront the challenges of COVID-19. With the health of Florida's students and teachers as the number one priority, the Florida Department of Education has made the decision to cancel the **Healthy Schools Summer Academy on June 10-11, 2020**. Following the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance specific to COVID-19 in Florida](#), it has been determined that this is a necessary step to reduce the risk of spreading the virus throughout our communities.

While I know that this is disappointing to attendees and those who support this program, please know that this decision was not made lightly. Similar preventative measures taken locally and nationally are crucial to mitigating the effects and spread of COVID-19. These decisions are made through careful consideration with the ultimate focus on the health of Florida's students and families.

The Healthy Schools Summer Academy is an important professional development opportunity focused on health education and physical education and I encourage you to plan to participate next year. Please know how grateful the Florida Department of Education and Florida Education Foundation are for your support as we work to ensure the well-being of Florida's learners, educators and communities as a whole. For more information and continued updates, please visit www.fldoe.org/em-response. Stay safe and healthy as we overcome this challenge together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Richard Corcoran', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Richard Corcoran
Commissioner of Education