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TO: Florida Parents

FROM: Commissioner of Education Richard Corcoran

SUBJECT: United States Census

The United States Census occurs every ten years and has a powerful impact on the future of Florida communities and their voice in Congress. The United States Census Bureau has announced that **they will complete counting throughout the United States on September 30th**. It is critical that the Florida education community take this brief survey as it directly benefits Florida students and families and informs the amount of federal funding distributed to states for programs that impact schools, students, and families.

Data from the 2020 Census will impact federal funding for programs that support students in low-income areas of the state, services for students with disabilities, career and technical education programs, adult education, and many other programs important to the education of students in Florida. **Census data informs federal funding for sanitization and personal protection equipment (PPE), cleaning supplies and other materials needed to help combat COVID-19 in schools.**

We hope you encourage your education families, neighbors, and communities to participate in the census by sharing this message.

To complete the census online, visit <http://www.2020census.gov>

To complete the census via phone:

English: 1-844-330-2020

Spanish (7 - days a week, 7am - 2am): 844-468-2020

Haitian-Creole (Monday — Friday, 8am - 10pm): 844-477-2020

Thank you!

Commissioner Richard Corcoran