

Re.: DOE ORDER NO. 2020-EO-06

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1. Governor DeSantis
2. School District of Manatee County School Board
3. School District of Manatee County Superintendent

Dear Commissioner Corcoran:

We are contacting you today regarding DOE Order No. 2020-EO-06. The waivers set forth in that Order only extend through the 2020 fall semester unless extended by a subsequent order. We urge you to act swiftly to extend waivers through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Doing so now will provide our Manatee County School District, as well as school districts throughout the State, with much needed clarity and certainty. The sooner you act, the more easily and efficiently our School District can prepare for the spring semester.

We represent the **[INSERT ORGANIZATION (ex. SAC, PTO)]** of **[INSERT NAME OF SCHOOL]** in Manatee County. We began the 2020-2021 school year with three learning options for students: brick and mortar, hybrid, and e-learning. Regardless of the modality chosen, these students are registered with our school. They are full members of our school community, have access to services, and may participate in school activities, sports, and clubs as those become available.

Parents may elect to change modalities for their students each quarter, but those students remain part of our school community regardless of modality. Many students throughout our School District have chosen to return to brick and mortar, but a significant population continue with the hybrid and e-learning options. We anticipate this will be true for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year. Extending waivers through the spring semester is the right thing to do.

Thank you for the opportunity to communicate with you. We hope you will act swiftly to extend waivers so that our school and our School District can plan for the spring semester