



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
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Tom Gallagher
Commissioner

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The Honorable John Carvelli
St. Lucie County School Board
1774 Gaskins Circle
Port St. Lucie, FL 34952

Dear Mr. Carvelli:

In November of 1998, Florida voters approved Revision 8 to the state constitution, which has the potential to dramatically change education governance in Florida. Our state policy makers can benefit from your thoughts and input into this important issue.

Please accept this invitation to serve on the Commissioner's Blue Ribbon Committee on Education Governance.

The Committee will meet at least four times over the next six months to develop recommendations for the Governor, Legislature, and Cabinet to consider as they change statutes and rules in light of the constitutional amendment. Travel expenses will be paid by the Florida Department of Education.

Please complete the attached form and fax to Kathy Mizereck, Director of Legislative Affairs, at (850) 488-1492.

I look forward to working with you on this very important committee.

Sincerely,

Tom Gallagher

TG/km

cc: The Honorable Toni Jennings
The Honorable John Thrasher
Members, State Board of Education