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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School District Superintendents

**FROM:** Jacob Oliva

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**SUBJECT: Holocaust Education Week 2020**

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The Florida Department of Education commemorates November 9-13, 2020, as Holocaust Education Week, with November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> marking the anniversary of Kristallnacht. A proclamation from Governor Ron DeSantis is attached to this memo.

To demonstrate the importance of teaching and learning Holocaust education in Florida public schools, Florida's [House Bill 1213 \(2020\)](#):

- Designates the second week in November as Holocaust Education Week;
- Revises the requirement to teach Holocaust education to include instruction on anti-Semitism;
- Requires the department to prepare and offer Holocaust education standards and curriculum; and
- Allows the department to contract with any state or nationally recognized Holocaust educational organizations to develop instructional personnel training and classroom resources.

As a result of House Bill 1213, a group of Holocaust education content experts and educators are developing K-12 Holocaust standards. An opportunity to offer public feedback on the draft standards is forthcoming.

Holocaust education resources are available from the [Commissioner of Education's Task Force on Holocaust Education](#), [The Florida Holocaust Museum](#) and the [Holocaust Memorial Miami Beach](#).

If you have additional questions, please contact Michael DiPierro in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support at 850-245-9773 or by email at [Michael.DiPierro@fldoe.org](mailto:Michael.DiPierro@fldoe.org).

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