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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents

FROM: Jacob Oliva

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SUBJECT: **Holocaust Education Week 2022**

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The Florida Department of Education annually commemorates the second week of November as Holocaust Education Week, coinciding with the anniversary of Kristallnacht, November 9-10, 1938, a watershed event in history marking the beginning of the Holocaust in Nazi Germany. This year Holocaust Education Week in Florida will be held **November 7-11, 2022**.

[Section 1003.42\(2\)\(g\), Florida Statutes](#), requires all school districts to incorporate lessons on the Holocaust as part of public-school instruction. The Holocaust is to be taught as a uniquely important event in modern history, emphasizing the systematic and state-sponsored annihilation of European Jews, which distinguishes it from other genocides. Holocaust instruction should include the policy, definition and historical and current examples of anti-Semitism and the prevention of anti-Semitism. Florida's new Holocaust Education standards, which will be effective in the 2023-2024 school year, may be found [here](#).

The Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education has identified valuable resources developed by content experts to support teaching and learning about the Holocaust in Florida public schools. Resources selected to assist K-12 educators in structuring Holocaust Education Week lessons may be found [here](#). Additional Holocaust education supports and teacher training available from Task Force Holocaust education centers may be found [here](#).

For more information, please contact John Duebel, in the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support, at John.Duebel@fldoe.org or Cindy Huffman, liaison to the Commissioner's Task Force on Holocaust Education, at Cindy.Huffman2@fldoe.org.

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