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Florida Superintendents Association and School Board Association Issue Joint Statement in Support of Proposed Minimum Teacher Salary Increase

Tampa, FL – The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) and the Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) jointly voice their support for Governor De Santis' initiative to substantially raise the minimum teacher salary to \$47,500\$ beginning in the 2020-21 academic year. The proposed increase would make Florida the $2^{\rm nd}$ in the nation for starting teacher pay and sends a clear message that Florida truly values the role and importance of public school teachers.

"We applaud the Governor for making education a top priority and see his teacher salary proposal as a step in the right direction towards attracting the best talent to the state of Florida," states FSBA President and Osceola School Board Member Tim Weisheyer.

"We are excited to see that the topic of teacher salaries has risen to the level of importance it merits and look forward to working with the Governor and legislature to address this and other opportunities for highly effective, seasoned teachers and other education professionals," states FADSS President and Pasco County Schools Superintendent Kurt Browning.