



**Florida School for  
the Deaf & the Blind**

*Do More. Be More. Achieve More.*

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Dear FSDB Community,

There is much excitement and anticipation surrounding the start of the 2021-22 academic year. I am thrilled to be able to welcome back all our returning students to the campus for in-person instruction, five days a week. I want to also extend a warm welcome to our new students, families, and staff members joining us. We thank you for choosing FSDB!

The last 17 months have been unprecedented in the history of FSDB, and I know we are wiser and stronger than we were when the pandemic started. I thank you for your dedication, positivity, grit, and ability to think creatively. Our students had a successful school year – they were able to learn, grow, and create memories important to their social and emotional well-being.

As we demonstrated last year, the health and safety of our students, teachers, staff members, and school community continues to be of the utmost importance. Our success was a result of practicing shared responsibility for the well-being of our school campus as well as pivoting when needed. We know, once again, that the guidance and expectations outlined below are fluid and likely to undergo change as policies and processes are issued by our Governor, the Florida Department of Education, and state and local health officials. The President's Advisory Team will continue to be proactive and responsive; we have a standing agenda item at our weekly meetings to discuss emerging school needs, review current guidance, and adjust practices as required.

We are optimistic about the coming year. We know that by attending FSDB, our students gain the edge to do more, be more, and achieve more. We also know we have amazing staff members and families who pull together, support each other, are innovative, and of course, demonstrate compassion and grace.

We will continue to keep you updated on any changes to our health and safety protocols as the need arises. Just as important, we will make the time to celebrate the hard work, achievements and successes of our students and school community.

Sincerely,

Tracie C. Snow  
*President*