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Florida Virtual School® Develops New Online Learning Community for Families and Teachers
Online Learning Community includes emergency teacher training for COVID-19

Orlando, FL (March 27, 2020) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®) launched a new Online Learning Community for online educators who teach students in grades Kindergarten-12 and for parents whose children take online courses. Designed to enhance the online learning experience, the FLVS Online Learning Community offers best practices and training for Kindergarten-12 parents, teachers and administrators.

The free digital resources include videos, articles and informative content for:

- Parents who teach their children as the primary home educator.
- **Teachers** who are new to teaching online or want to advance or share tips with others.
- **School administrators** who wish to start an online program in their school district or enhance their existing programs.

With content created for individual or school district needs, the <u>FLVS Online Learning Community</u> provides multiple educational tracks and subject areas, including:

- Online Learning 101: videos and other resources designed to help students, parents and teachers explore the world of online learning
- Courses for educators with pre-recorded webinars and training courses, including technology and educational systems
- Live workshops and webinars from FLVS trainers, learning specialists and school counselors to support online teachers and parents
- Emergency training for educators moving to online learning due to unexpected circumstances such as COVID-19 or natural disasters

"Many students and teachers use online education tools every day. However, we understand that for many educators, the required shift to virtual learning amid uncertain times might feel overwhelming," said Dr. Louis Algaze, President and CEO of FLVS. "The FLVS Online Learning Community will give all educators, whether teachers, parents or administrators, with resources they need, and offers an online community where they can ask questions, connect with others, and feel confident as they continue to educate students."

Educators are also invited to participate in a <u>LinkedIn group</u> where they can share best practices and exchange useful information. To learn more about the FLVS Online Learning Community, parents and educators can visit <u>www.flvs.net/community</u>.

About Florida Virtual School (FLVS)

Florida Virtual School® (FLVS®) is a fully accredited, statewide public school district offering more than 190 courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Its certified teachers use a variety of personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. Since 1997, FLVS students have successfully completed more than 4.6 million semester enrollments. FLVS also provides its courseware and expertise to online and blended learning programs across the nation. Services include content licensing, FLVS Global School, District Virtual Schools, digital learning labs, and professional development. As a not-for-profit, FLVS reinvests revenue into the development of new educational technologies and the creation of the highest-quality courses, benefiting students in Florida and beyond. To learn more, visit www.flvs.net.