

Honorable Members,

On behalf of FlexPoint Education and FlexPoint Virtual School, the sister organizations of Florida Virtual School, the state of Florida's online public school district, we are greatly encouraged that the House Committee on Education is considering opportunities to expand access to virtual leaning for the students of your state. We thank you for the chance to share with you the benefits of virtual education for a great many students across the nation. As a state entity with a quarter of a century serving students online, we can attest to you that virtual education offers unparalleled accessibility, breaking down geographical barriers and ensuring that quality learning is available to students from all walks of life.

Virtual learning is designed for students looking for high-quality education, unparalleled flexibility and support, an academic challenge, and ownership of their education in a safe, distraction-free learning environment. With our education model, students have a variety of flexible, and full-time options available to fulfill their needs. Through highly personalized instructional offerings, students can build an educational plan that fits their unique needs. They receive live instruction and one to one support from certified teachers who have completed extensive professional development in online education. Students can also participate in collaborative assignments and connect with classmates, teachers, and counselors through events, face-to-face field trips, competitions, conferences, and student clubs.

In addition, the incorporation of digital tools in the virtual education sphere prepares students for the demands of the modern workforce, fostering essential digital literacy skills. The vast array of online resources and global perspectives accessible through virtual education enriches the learning experience, creating a more dynamic and interconnected educational environment.

As you deliberate on the future of education in your great state, I encourage the committee to recognize and leverage the advantages of virtual education in shaping a more inclusive, adaptive, and forward-thinking educational system. As an organization with more than 25 years of virtual education practice, we are always pleased and willing to offer our experience as a resource to states interested in expanding the ability for all students to access fair and equitable educational opportunities, regardless of geographical or socio-economic barriers.

If you have any questions or would like to hear more about the successes of virtual education, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.

Best regards,

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