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**DIVISION OF LEARNING  
MEMO**

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**TO:** Florida Civic Literacy Test (FCLT) District Team

**FROM:** Cheryl LaPorta Edwards, Assistant Superintendent for Learning

**CC:** Steve Dionisio, Superintendent

**SUBJECT:** Florida Civic Literacy Test PILOT – Communication Plan

**DATE:** February 16, 2020

At the February 11<sup>th</sup> planning meeting for the “pilot” administration of the Florida Civic Literacy Test (FCLT), the decision was made that the Division of Learning will draft a statement introducing stakeholders (parents, students, staff, community) to the FCLT and the pilot administration of it this April. The following statement (see below and on the following page), written in an effort to maintain consistency among all schools, is to be used in your school’s communication plan. Please begin communicating the FCLT – Pilot by publishing the statement on your school’s website, school newsletter, etc. You may also use this statement to distribute information to your staff via faculty meetings, email, PPC, department meeting agendas, automated phone calls, etc. I hope you find this helpful.

Thank you

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Charlotte County Public Schools is committed to preparing students to become civically engaged and knowledgeable adults who make positive contributions to their communities. On December 10, 2019, Governor Ron DeSantis asked Commissioner Richard Corcoran to implement a new civic literacy test requirement for high school students in 2020-2021 and thereafter. In a memo dated January 31, 2020 to all District School Superintendents, Commissioner Corcoran offered school districts the opportunity to voluntarily administer a pilot of the exam in Spring 2020. Charlotte County Public Schools will participate in the pilot administration of the Florida Civic Literacy Test.

All 12<sup>th</sup> grade students will sit for this 100-question, multiple-choice, pass/fail exam during the week of April 20-24. Administered and scored locally at each high school, the test results will be submitted to the Florida Department of Education per the Department’s mandate. Student test pilot results will not serve as a grade in any high school course.

In 2017, a college-level civic literacy requirement was put into state law. The pilot Florida Civic Literacy Test is the same exam used at the college level. A State Board of Education rule will be proposed to require colleges to accept passing scores earned by high school students to meet the college-level civic literacy requirement. As an additional incentive, the proposed rule will retroactively apply to students graduating in 2020 that pass the pilot exam. Charlotte County Public Schools is pleased to offer this opportunity to its graduating class of 2020. More information and additional resources on the pilot civic literacy exam can be found by visiting <http://www.fldoe.org/civicliteracy>.