

# CLOSING FLORIDA'S TALENT GAP BY IMPROVING EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## *Attracting and Retaining High-Skill Talent*



Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran discusses Florida's education system and the need to close the skills gap at the Florida Chamber's Legislative Fly-In.

### Why It Matters to Florida

From local businesses to major corporations, a qualified workforce is a top concern for job creators. To secure Florida's future, employers need talent that is prepared to enter the workforce. Florida wins when we close the gap by putting students ahead of special interests. The Florida Chamber will continue to champion the best education system for Florida.

The Florida Chamber's focus includes:

- ▶ Preparing Students for Success
- ▶ Innovation and Outcomes Are Essential
- ▶ Quality School Choice Matters
- ▶ Improving Attainment and Access to Higher Education
- ▶ Preparing Florida's Workforce to Address Florida's Skills Gap

### Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

- ▶ **Preparing Students for Success**  
*Ensuring a talented workforce for tomorrow begins with empowering our youngest learners today. Preparing children to learn provides a foundation for future successes and helps them develop skills such as self-discipline, persistence and cooperation-skills that re essential to their future success in the workforce.*
- ▶ **Innovation and Outcomes Are Essential**  
*The Florida Chamber understands the importance of STEMM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, Medicine) education in schools. We will continue to support a focus on STEMM concepts throughout Florida's education system in order to ensure that Florida's students become and remain globally competitive.*
- ▶ **Quality School Choice Matters**  
*At the Florida Chamber we recognize that education is not a one-size-fits-all option. We continue to advocate for parents to have the freedom to choose the best learning environment for their children .*
- ▶ **Preparing Florida's Workforce to Address Florida's Skills Gap**  
*Advocating for increased attainment and making college more affordable is a top priority for the Florida Chamber. In addition to adequately preparing Florida's students to enter the workforce, we must also focus on attracting and retaining world class talent.*
- ▶ **Improving Attainment and Access to Higher Education**  
*In order for Florida to remain one of the top business climates in the nation, we must increase educational opportunities in both higher education and in the 21st century vocational trades.*

### The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

#### ACT NOW:

We believe that a quality education and workforce development system is the best way to enable Floridians to compete in a 21st century global economy. Be a part of the Florida Chamber Foundation's Business Alliance for Early Learning and help us invest in the future of Florida's students.



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