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Dear Charter School Directors:

In letter to school district superintendents dated May 31, 2019, I outlined several critical policies and procedures to enhance the safety and security of Florida's public school campuses and keep students safe. One of which was the implementation of a Safe-School Officer (SSO) physically present on each campus while school is in session. An SSO is a police officer, deputy sheriff or Guardian.

The Legislature provided school districts with the option of participating in the Coach Aaron Feis Guardian Program to help meet the requirements of having a Safe-School Officer on each campus. However, if the Guardian Program is not offered by your local sheriff's office, we have arranged for training to be provided by other sheriffs on a space available basis.

If you are interested in participating in one of the Guardian training programs offered by another sheriff, please contact any the following individuals at the Office of Safe Schools for additional information:

- Brooks Rumenik at [Brooks.Rumenik@fldoe.org](mailto:Brooks.Rumenik@fldoe.org), or by phone at 850-245-0749
- Julie Collins at [Julie.Collins@fldoe.org](mailto:Julie.Collins@fldoe.org), or by phone at 850-245-0676
- Sylvia Ifft at [Sylvia.Ifft@fldoe.org](mailto:Sylvia.Ifft@fldoe.org), or by phone at 850-245-5176
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We look forward to supporting your ongoing efforts to improve the safety and security of Florida's students and educators. Please know that time is short and August 1, 2019, is fast upon us, so please govern yourself accordingly.

Sincerely,

Richard Corcoran  
Commissioner

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