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SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY

June 2, 2021

The Honorable Ron DeSantis
Governor, State of Florida
Plaza Level 05, The Capitol
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Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001
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Re: Letter of Resignation
School Board of Manatee County
District Four

Dear Governor DeSantis:

With deep appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the School Board of Manatee County, as an elected official in District Four, I am hereby resigning my elected position on the School Board of Manatee County effective today, June 2, 2021, at 11:59 pm.

It has been an honor to serve with my fellow board members and shape the leadership of the School District these past four years.

This is not the same District that I became a part of when first appointed, chairing, and then reelected as a sitting Board Member. I am proud to have closely worked with our current Superintendent and have personally witnessed the district achieve greatness prior to, and throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

The School District of Manatee County has led the State of Florida in cutting edge innovations in pre-kindergarten through 12th grade as well as adult and career education. Great things lay ahead for the School District.

I want to personally acknowledge and thank the Board of County Commissioners for having trust in me from day one to lead our response to the Piney Point emergency and giving me the opportunity to now serve as their permanent County Administrator. Thank you for your leadership as the great Governor of Florida!

Sincerely,

Scott L. Hopes, D.B.A., M.P.H.
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