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**THE FLORIDA COUNCIL OF 100 APPLAUDS GOVERNOR DESANTIS FOR MOVE TOWARDS  
A MORE STUDENT FRIENDLY LEARNING ASSESSMENT**

*~Florida Council of 100 CEO: Decision Empowers Our Schools to Tailor Instruction Based on Student Learning Needs~*

TAMPA — Florida Council of 100 Chief Executive Officer Bob Ward today praised Governor Ron DeSantis for prioritizing the replacement of the Florida Standards Assessment with a more student, parent and teacher friendly “progress monitoring” system.

“Governor Ron DeSantis’ decision to end the Florida Standards Assessment in favor of a periodic progress monitoring system will provide meaningful improvements in student learning across our state. This move will help close Florida’s rigor gap by providing parents and teachers a stronger sense of student comprehension and learning throughout the school year. By offering three smaller assessments throughout the year, Governor DeSantis is empowering our schools to further tailor instruction based on a student’s learning needs,” Bob Ward, Florida Council of 100 Chief Executive Officer said.

The Florida Council of 100 is a private, nonprofit, nonpartisan organization of business leaders, which exists to promote the economic growth of Florida and improve the economic well-being and quality of life of its citizenry. Representing more than 140 companies and more than 1.3 million employees, Council members have achieved a high degree of success and recognition in their business or profession; have demonstrated involvement in Florida public policy issues; and possess the personal qualities of character, personality, and leadership ability.

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