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Florida Council of 100 congratulates Pam Stewart on reappointment as Interim Commissioner of Education; Calls for continued strong accountability

TAMPA, Fla. (August 2, 2013) – Today, the Florida Council of 100 released the following statement from Chairman Marshall Criser, III, regarding the reappointment of Pam Stewart as Interim Commissioner of Education:

"The Florida Council of 100 congratulates Pam Stewart on her reappointment as Interim Commissioner of Education. Ms. Stewart's prior performance in this capacity and as Chancellor has been exemplary, and we look forward to working with her to ensure that Florida's education system continues to be driven by high education standards, rigorous assessments, and strong accountability.

"The future of our economy depends on the availability of a talented workforce, and these three elements are key to graduating students who can meet the high demands of today's business world. The Florida Council of 100 stands strongly by our state's educators and policy makers as they implement Common Core State Standards that will take our K-12 system to the next level."

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