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Florida Council of 100 thanks former Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett;  
Calls for continuation of strong accountability measures

TAMPA, Fla. (August 1, 2013) – Today, the Florida Council of 100 released the following statement from Chairman Marshall Criser, III, regarding the resignation of Commissioner of Education Tony Bennett:

"The Florida Council of 100 would like to offer our sincere thanks to Tony Bennett for the time he shared with us in Florida. Though far too brief, our students and our education system are better for his leadership, and we wish Tony and his family all the best in the future.

"The Council of 100 will continue to support the increased competitiveness and diversification of Florida's economy through a highly skilled and educated workforce. High education standards, rigorous assessments, and strong accountability will advance our students' and our state's future."

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