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Florida Governor Announces Appointments to Florida Virtual School® Board of Trustees

ORLANDO, Fla. (Sept. 23, 2015) – On Friday, Sept. 18, 2015, Florida Governor Rick Scott announced two appointments and one reappointment to the Florida Virtual School (FLVS®) Board of Trustees.

Robert Gidel Sr., of Windermere, is the managing partner at Liberty Capital. He fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning Sept. 18, 2015, and ending Sept. 10, 2017.

Iris Gonzalez, of Tierra Verde, is the corporate director of multicultural strategies at Bright House Networks. She fills a vacant seat and is appointed for a term beginning Sept. 18, 2015, and ending Sept. 10, 2016.

Dame Dhyana Ziegler, of Tallahassee, is the Garth C. Reeves Eminent Scholar Endowed Chair of Excellence in the School of Journalism and Graphic Communication at Florida A&M University. She is reappointed for a term beginning Sept. 18, 2015, and ending Sept. 10, 2019.

“We are excited about the knowledge, experience and commitment to educational excellence that each of our board members brings to Florida Virtual School,” stated Ronald Blocker, president and CEO of Florida Virtual School. “We look forward to working together as we continue to provide the best possible high quality education our students and stakeholders expect and deserve.”

In the 2014-15 school year, Florida Virtual School students completed more than 448,900 semester enrollments, helping FLVS reach a milestone of 2.4 million semester completions in the state of Florida. FLVS Global has extended its reach to students and clients in all 49 states outside of Florida and in 65 countries worldwide.

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About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the U.S. and the world. A nationally recognized e-learning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs.