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Florida Virtual School® Earns Reaccreditation by AdvancED

Orlando, FL (February 2, 2017) – Florida Virtual School (FLVS®), a statewide public school district in Florida, recently announced that it has been reaccredited by AdvancED, the primary and most recognized accreditation agency of educational institutions in the world.

In November 2016, an onsite review was conducted with five educators from AdvancED implementing the *Index of Education Quality* (IEQ), which is used to measure the institution's overall performance. In addition to reviewing hundreds of FLVS documents relating to quality and process, the team interviewed 135 stakeholders, and reviewed live lessons and Discussion-based Assessments. The IEQ composite score is segmented into three sub-scores of performance, referred to as domains. These domains are:

- Teaching and Learning Impact
- Leadership Capacity
- Resource Utilization

Florida Virtual School, created by the Florida Legislature in 1997, scored 53.37 percent higher than the AdvancED network average. Accreditation is a mark of quality that signifies an ongoing commitment to education excellence. FLVS was celebrated for demonstrating many strengths and accomplishments, but the following strengths are just a few that should be highlighted:

- Teachers and students are able to build relationships through one-on-one connections.
- Families are involved in student's learning.
- The school leader brings skills to apply a "systems" approach in an effort to align policies and procedures.
- Decisions are based on "what's good for kids."

Reaccreditation enables FLVS to be formally recognized and certified as a Virtual Instruction Provider in the state of Florida, and it ensures that students can take credits they earn at FLVS to any other institution they may transfer to.

"Thank you to the many people throughout our organization who played instrumental roles in our reaccreditation process," stated Ronald Blocker, president and CEO of Florida Virtual School. "Being reaccredited affirms we provide a quality education that is recognized by the education industry and we all can take pride in these findings."

For more information on AdvancED, please visit www.advanc-ed.org.

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 United States 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. For more information on FLVS, visit www.flvs.net.