



September 8, 2025

The Honorable Ron DeSantis, Governor of Florida  
The Capitol  
400 S. Monroe Street  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor DeSantis:

I write to submit my resignation from my position as District 1 School Board Member for Flagler County, effective September 30, 2025.

It has truly been the honor of a lifetime to serve on the Flagler County School Board, an honor made possible by your appointment to the Board on October 30, 2024. Earlier this year, I was humbled once more when President Trump nominated me to serve as the next Administrator of the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) at the U.S. Department of Transportation. My confirmation process is on the floor of the US Senate, and I anticipate being confirmed in the near future.

Serving Flagler Schools has been an extraordinary chapter of my public service life. From working alongside dedicated educators, staff, and board members, to supporting our outstanding teachers and administrators, I have deeply valued the spirit of Children First, fostering Trust and Respect for All, and striving to Empower Others. Together, through our shared commitment to Teamwork, Excellence, Quality, and Consistency, and Commitment to Individual Needs, we've made strides that align with the district's guiding principles.

I especially appreciate having been part of a board that embodies the "Get to 'Yes'" mindset, which consistently finds solutions that serve our students best. Working collaboratively with Superintendent Moore and my fellow board members, our focus has always remained directly on preparing Flagler's students for a bright future.

Though I will be stepping into a new federal safety role, my love for Flagler Schools and our community remains steadfast. I am confident in the board's continued trajectory toward excellence and in its dedication to making Flagler County Schools the best choice for our students.



Thank you once again for the trust you placed in me through this appointment and for the opportunity to serve. It has been a true privilege and an honor.

Honor to Serve,

Derek D. Barrs

CC: Carter Hall, Governor's Appointments Office