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Dear Members,

**LCTA is working to ensure we protect classroom learning.** Last year the hybrid model required an immense amount of effort from you. Therefore, as The Florida State Board of Education passed the two emergency rulings today, we are collaborating with District leadership to advocate for you and the students in your class.

1. The first ruling addressed the issue of attendance and instruction of students who need to quarantine. This ruling requires that instruction be provided to students while not at school due to COVID. Although not finalized, plans are being made to provide supports that will not impact your classroom teaching nor require you to provide office hours.
2. The second ruling provides vouchers to families who feel bullied based on mask rulings. This is nothing more than the exploitation of a crisis to further the agenda of privatizing our public school system. Unions of our public school systems negotiate better wages, workings conditions, and benefits than private or charter schools. An attack on our public schools is an attach on you and the students we serve. Each child, regardless of their stance on masks, which leaves our school system, means fewer resources to provide salary increase, personnel, instructional materials, cleaning supplies, etc.

**However, there is something you can do!** Educate your colleagues. Join the [LCTA Legislative Committee](https://forms.gle/3bLAnXvG4FHNJb7M9). Share the work of LCTA.  Together we can protect the classroom and stabilize our schools!

If you would like to review the emergency rules, they are listed below.

1. [Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER21-01, Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19](https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19994/urlt/Attendance.pdf) (PDF)
2. [Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER21-02, COVID-19 Hope Scholarship Transfer Procedures](https://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/19994/urlt/hope.pdf) (PDF)

In solidarity,

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