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Dear Florida CASE Members:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2013 Summer Leadership Institute and thank you for your dedication to providing a brighter future for students with disabilities.

Each year we make a commitment to our state's more than 2.7 million K-12 students that they will receive a superior, comprehensive education, regardless of a disability status. The hard work of Florida CASE members and disability advocates across our state helps us keep that promise.

I would also like to commend the council for its efforts to inform members, parents, educators and students about Florida's Common Core State Standards. While the standards' emphasis on critical-thinking skills will prove to be more challenging, I am confident that Florida graduates will be better prepared for today's fast-paced, global economy.

Although I could not join you at this year's institute, please accept my sincerest thanks for your role to provide quality educational services for students with disabilities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "AB", written over a white background.

Tony Bennett

