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Florida Virtual School[®] Students Spend Afternoon Reading with First Lady Ann Scott

Tallahassee, Fla. (Aug. 8, 2018)—On Aug. 7, 2018, more than 30 Florida Virtual School (FLVS^{*}) Flex Elementary students visited the Florida Governor's Mansion and had the opportunity to spend time with Florida's First Lady Ann Scott. The First Lady enthralled the Kindergarten-5 students by reading from her very own educational children's book, *Ally & Jordi's Adventures Through Florida*. First Lady Scott released the book in January 2018 and has traveled around the state to share *Ally & Jordi's Adventures Through Florida* with Florida's elementary students.

"It is always exciting for school children to learn more about their home state, but it is even more special when they get to learn from the First Lady of their state," said Sarah Sprinkel, FLVS Director of Elementary Program Development. "We thank the First Lady for her commitment to literacy and for taking the time to host a special afternoon for FLVS students."

Ally & Jordi's Adventures Through Florida takes children on a journey across the state to explore Florida's history, culture and environment. The book was distributed to Florida schools and libraries at no cost and is also available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Museums of Florida History Inc.

"As an educator, we want our students to be passionate about reading because it is the foundation of student achievement. Children who learn to read will then read to learn," Sprinkel added.

FLVS, a fully accredited, statewide public school district in Florida, offers more than 180 online courses to Kindergarten-12 students. Certified teachers use personalized instructional programs to create individualized educational plans for every student. FLVS Flex Elementary offers creative and engaging experiences through interactive curriculum that includes Language Arts, Social Studies, Math and Science, and special subjects such as Technology, Spanish, Art, and P.E.

Virtual elementary schools are unlike any regular schools because children can journey with an astronaut in one module and travel on safari to Africa in another. Today's event with the First Lady gave FLVS students from across the state a chance to spend time face-to-face with their virtual classmates at the historic Governor's Mansion.

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