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In a time of uncertainty, our values remain constant

With the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King on Monday, this week was already to be poised to a shortened committee week. When a snowstorm came through Tallahassee on Tuesday, shutting down the airport and closing major roads and highways, the House and Senate leadership made the call to cancel all committee meetings. Several House Committees are scheduled to meet next week to conduct the business originally scheduled for this week. Senate Committees are currently not scheduled to meet at all next week.

What else might happen in the legislature next week remains a mystery. Gov. DeSantis has called a Special Session to start on Monday and legislators are obligated by Florida's Constitution to show up for it. However, they aren't obligated to do much more than that. A **growing possibility** is that legislators show up on Monday and convene the Special Session and then adjourn without holding any meetings or passing any legislation. If this does indeed happen, Gov. DeSantis has **suggested that like a dog with a bone** (his words) he's not going to stop demanding a Special Session until he gets what he wants on the issue of immigration.

Regardless of what happens in the legislature, our core values will remain the same. As educators, our priority is to create safe, welcoming classrooms where every student can thrive. We believe that all students deserve an environment where they can focus on learning, growing, and reaching their full potential—free from distractions.

To help fulfill that mission, our national affiliates have both released guidance on immigration issues that are linked below.

AFT: **Right of Immigrant Students, Deportation Guide and Immigration Guide**

NEA: **Guidance on Immigration Issues**

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