



August 14, 2024

Commissioner Manny Diaz, Jr.
Florida Department of Education
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Dear Commissioner Diaz:

On behalf of the Florida Chapter of the Sierra Club, I am writing to express our deep concern and disappointment regarding the Florida Department of Education's recent decision to remove climate change from our schools' science textbooks and curriculums. As concerned advocates for science education, we strongly condemn this decision and urge you to reconsider this harmful policy.

Climate change is a scientifically proven phenomenon that has far-reaching impacts on our environment, economy, and society. It is essential that students receive accurate and comprehensive education on this important issue in order to understand the causes, effects, and solutions to climate change. By removing climate change from the classroom, we are failing to provide students with the knowledge and tools they need to address this urgent global crisis.

Education plays a crucial role in raising awareness, fostering critical thinking, and empowering individuals to take action on climate change. By censoring information on climate change, we are hindering students' ability to learn about and engage with one of the most pressing issues of our time.

It is imperative that we equip our students with the knowledge and understanding needed to address the challenges posed by climate change and to build a more sustainable future for our planet. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we look forward to your prompt action to protect science education and climate change awareness in Florida's schools.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susannah Randolph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susannah Randolph
Chapter Director
Sierra Club Florida