

JOINT STATEMENT ON CODING INSTRUCTION BILLS

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Members of the Florida Conference, NAACP; LULAC Florida, and the Spanish American League Against Discrimination (SALAD) know our children need skills in both technology and in foreign languages to compete in today's global economy. However, to define coding and computer science as a foreign language is a misleading and mischievous misnomer that deceives our students, jeopardizes their eligibility to admission to universities, and will result in many losing out on the foreign language skills they desperately need even for entry level jobs in South Florida.

We stand with Miami-Dade Public Schools Superintendent Alberto Carvalho, educators, parents, the FEA and UTD, and other advocacy organizations in asking our legislators to vote NO on HB 887.

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