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A Renewed Emphasis on American History Teaching

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In 2010, the Florida Legislature enacted the Sandra Day O'Connor Civics Education Act. This law created an extensive middle school civics program that culminates in an exam that students must pass in order to enter a Florida high school. The Clay County School District believes this renewed emphasis on the importance of patriotism and civics education is a positive thing for our community and country. Superintendent Charlie Van Zant echoes President Ronald Regan's words, "We should teach an informed patriotism, a love of country and an appreciation of its institutions." One way the School District of Clay County is doing this, is through a partnership with a non-profit community event called "Dare to Think." The School District of Clay County proudly partners with numerous organizations on a regular basis for a variety of events. The district is not financially contributing to this event but simply partnering to provide awareness. This is one of many ways the School District of Clay County seeks to encourage a renewed emphasis on American History teaching. The district also partners with local museums, veterans organizations and other civic-minded community groups in this important effort. "History education is not just something we teach in a classroom. It is vital we join together as a community in partnership to ensure the next generation of Americans understands the importance of freedom and the uniqueness of America." Van Zant said.

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