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Dear Friends and Neighbors,

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Hope that you are having a great summer and have had the opportunity to relax, vacation and spend quality family time. Enjoy this next month as we transition back to school time and more hectic schedules.

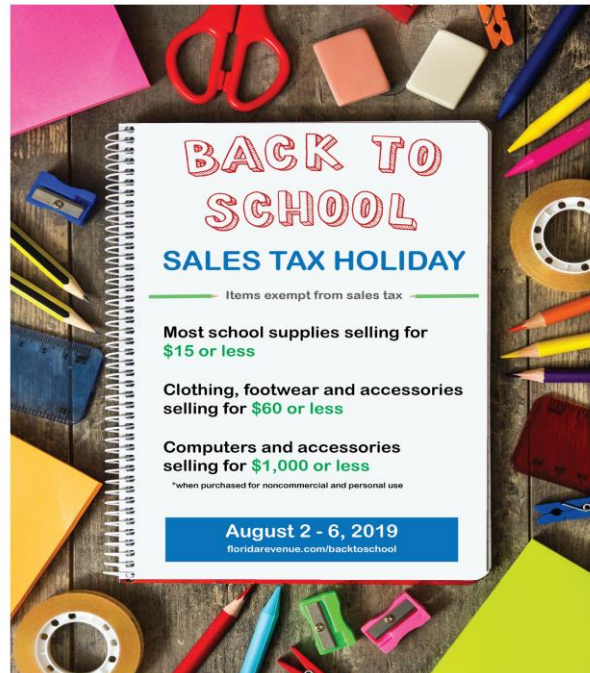
I attended the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce's annual legislative breakfast as well as the Lake Worth Rotary's monthly meeting, where I gave legislative updates to each. I am always happy to speak to organizations about the past legislative session and what my priorities are for the upcoming session. Remember that with an early January 2020 session start date, we will begin attending committee weeks in September. Please continue to reach out to our office with ideas or to schedule a meeting to share your ideas for legislation or any other concerns you may have.



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Towards the end of July, we held another Constituent Day where I met with many members of our community. These meetings are a productive time to learn about new issues and to discuss ways in which we can work towards positive solutions. I also was briefed by a number of organizations on their individual policy and appropriation goals for 2020.

On August 20th Representative David Silvers and I are hosting our first ever joint “Coffee Talk.” See below image and feel free to share it with all. We hope you will be able to join us to discuss important items that affect our community.



As you make preparations for the upcoming school year, be reminded that Friday, August 2nd through Tuesday, August 6th will be the annual sales tax holiday. Certain school supplies such as pencils, calculators and notebooks selling for \$15 or less per item are exempt from sales tax along with certain clothing and accessories such as pants, belts and uniforms selling for \$60 or less per item. Additionally, computers and accessories selling for \$1,000 or less are part of the exemption. Take advantage of the various sales and specials many retail stores are having and stock up on your needs for the school year. For a full list of items that are included, check out floridarevenue.com/backtoschool.

Lastly, a sensitive topic for some, is that of food insecurity. My office attended an event with Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried in July to hear what is being done in our county to combat this issue. If you, a family member, friend or neighbor needs assistance, Feeding South Florida has a food pantry located at 4925 Park Ridge Blvd. in Boynton Beach. Free assistance to all is available between the hours of 8:00am-5:00pm Monday through Friday.

As a reminder, texting while driving became a primary offense on July 1. The ban on handheld use in school and work zones will be enforced starting October 1. Be mindful as school buses are back on the road and of children who will be using our public walkways to get to and from school.

Best wishes,