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GOVERNOR CRIST VETOES SENATE BILL 6

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. -- Florida House Democratic Leader Franklin Sands (D-Weston) issued the following statement regarding Governor Charlie Crist's veto of Senate Bill 6:

“On behalf of the Florida House Democratic Caucus, I commend Governor Charlie Crist for his veto of Senate Bill 6. The students, teachers, parents and all Floridians have won a great victory, which was denied them by the Republican leaders in the Florida House and Senate.

“It is refreshing that our governor listened and responded to the voices of the majority of Floridians who opposed this radical bill. Floridians' cries of opposition were ignored by Republican legislative leaders who tried to ram down our throats this unconstitutional, flawed and mean-spirited bill.

“I can only hope now that cooler heads prevail. Any further proposals to reform Florida's teacher contract laws should include full participation from those who have been kept away from the negotiating table: Florida's teachers, school boards and school superintendents.

“As Governor Crist noted, when it comes to education reform in Florida, we must have the patience and wisdom to communicate effectively with the people.”