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As President of the Florida Council of Teachers of Mathematics, I am proud to support schools and districts across our state as we celebrate Numeracy Week. Numeracy is more than the ability to compute—it is the foundation for problem-solving, critical thinking, and informed decision-making in everyday life. From interpreting data in the news to managing personal finances to pursuing careers in STEM fields, strong numeracy skills empower students to thrive in an increasingly quantitative world.

Research consistently underscores the importance of mathematics proficiency. Students who demonstrate strong math skills are more likely to graduate high school, enroll in postsecondary education, and access high-demand, high-wage careers. Workforce data show that the majority of fastest-growing occupations require substantial mathematics knowledge, and numeracy is closely linked to long-term economic mobility. Ensuring that every student develops confidence and competence in mathematics is not just an academic goal—it is an investment in Florida’s future.

To support this effort, FCTM is pleased to release a collection of Numeracy Week resources designed for teachers, schools, and districts. These materials are intended to promote meaningful mathematical engagement, highlight real-world applications, and foster a culture that celebrates problem-solving and perseverance. The resources can be adapted across grade levels and content areas to meet the diverse needs of Florida’s learners.

We recognize that each school and district operates on its own timeline and calendar. Therefore, these Numeracy Week resources are designed with flexibility in mind and may be implemented on dates that best align with your instructional plans and community events. Our goal is to provide practical, high-quality support that strengthens mathematics teaching and learning across the state. Together, we can elevate numeracy and ensure that every Florida student has the skills and confidence to succeed.

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