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## FLVS Global Begins Free 2016 Professional Development Webinar Series for Educators in March

**ORLANDO, Fla.** – (March 3, 2016) — <u>FLVS Global</u>, a trusted provider of 6<sup>th</sup>-to-12<sup>th</sup> grade online and blended learning solutions, will host five free webinars for teachers, administrators, counselors and policymakers during 2016. The <u>professional development webinar series</u> is designed to help optimize programs and touches on a variety of topics impacting online and blended learning.

FLVS Global will kick off the webinar series with "<u>Best Practices in Blended Learning</u>" on March 16 at 2 p.m. ET. This interactive training will equip participants to utilize digital curriculum effectively in a blended learning environment. By the end of the session, participants will be empowered to use their knowledge of blended learning, time management strategies, and monitoring tools to support a blended learning class setting. This webinar offers educators the opportunity to receive high-quality instruction from an expert in digital learning with proven results in a blended environment.

"FLVS Global is committed to the professional development of educators throughout our industry," said Dr. Polly Haldeman, senior director of Business Development & Solutions for FLVS. "These webinars provide an avenue for educators to learn about new strategies, tools and techniques that promote academic integrity and enhance the education students receive."

Following the "Best Practices" webinar, FLVS Global will host four additional one-hour webinars in 2016:

- <u>Academic Integrity in a Virtual World</u> April 13 at 2 p.m. ET: The FLVS Academic Integrity team will lead a
  discussion of effective tools and strategies that safeguard and promote academic integrity in online and
  blended learning environments.
- <u>Cyberbullying and the Classroom</u> September 14 at 2 p.m. ET: No longer are bullies limited to the schoolyard to dish out harmful comments and black eyes. They now have access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week using the Internet and cell phones. During this interactive training, participants will take a closer look at the warning signs and the potential harmful effects cyberbullying can have on online students. Educators will learn ways to prevent cyberbullying before it begins with online classroom and school-level proactive approaches.
- <u>FLVS Client Discussion Panel</u> September 21 at 2 p.m. ET: The FLVS team and current FLVS clients will
  discuss how districts and schools use FLVS courses, lessons learned and best practices for successfully
  implementing FLVS curricula into districts.
- <u>Best Practices in Facilitating Collaboration in Online or Blended Environments</u> October 19 at 2 p.m. ET: FLVS Learning Specialists will focus on best practices for implementing student collaboration in online and blended learning models. Participants will discover new digital tools to help promote synchronous and asynchronous collaboration opportunities within online and blended classrooms.

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## About FLVS Global

Established in 2000, <u>FLVS Global</u> is a trusted provider of grades 6-12 online learning solutions. It is the national and international arm of <u>Florida Virtual School</u><sup>\*</sup> (FLVS<sup>\*</sup>), which serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. FLVS has built a reputation within Florida as an education leader with a history of innovation. Now FLVS Global delivers its innovative courseware, training and expertise to a variety of online and blended programs for schools, districts, states and international agencies. For more information on FLVS Global, visit <u>www.flvsglobal.net</u>.

## About Florida Virtual School

Florida Virtual School (FLVS) is an established leader in developing and providing virtual Kindergarten-12 education solutions to students all over Florida, the United States and the world. A nationally recognized elearning model and recipient of numerous awards, FLVS was founded in 1997 and was the country's first, statewide Internet-based public high school. Today, FLVS serves students in grades Kindergarten-12 and provides a variety of custom solutions for schools and districts to meet student needs. For more information on FLVS, visit <u>www.flvs.net</u>.

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