Education Works Forum

K-12 Education: 2018 Florida Legislative Session Outlook & Key Issues

December 12, 2017
3:00pm - 4:00pm EST
Welcome & Introduction

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Consortium of Florida Education Foundations

Mission: To maximize the individual and collective strength of Florida local education foundations to support students

http://educationfoundationsfl.org/
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STATEWIDE REACH FOR LOCAL IMPACT
Throughout Florida, CEF’s local education foundation members collectively represent 99% of 2.8 million K-12 students.

LEARN MORE About Our Impact!

FOSTERING PUBLIC & PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPACT STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

$1 for $1 Matching STATE DOLLARS

Corporate & Philanthropic PARTNERSHIPS

TEACHING QUALITY  STEM EDUCATION  LITERACY

Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation  Motorola Solutions Foundation  AT&T
Our Mission

To promote, develop and advance philanthropy in Florida
A Little About You

- Work in K-12 Education
- Work in Higher Education
- Work in Independent Sector (Non-Profit or Philanthropy)
- Work for State Government
- Concerned Citizen
What We’ll Cover Today

- Education Platform Priorities
- Key Legislative Leaders
- Key Legislative Issues
- Resources Available
- Q & A
Our Panel

Brewser Brown  
CFEF Government Representative

Natalie King  
RSA Consulting Group

Eric Prutsman  
CFEF Government Representative
Top Education Priorities

Governor Rick Scott

- Funding to Ensure Success, Pre-K through 12
- Increase Focus on VPK and School Readiness
- Performance Funding
- Teacher Classroom Supply Assistance
- Boosting Teacher of the Year awards
- Coding and Computer Science programs
- English Language Learners Summer Academics
Top Education Priorities

Senate

- Higher Education
  - CS/SB 540: Postsecondary Education
  - SB 4: Higher Education

House

- HB 1 - The Hope Scholarship Program
- Tax Burden – State & Local
- **Computer Coding Instruction**
  - Expand opportunities for middle and high school students to learn coding and computer science

- **Student Protection**
  - Promote processes and policies that further provide increased safety and protection of students in our K-12 education system

- **Public Records Exemption**
  - Protect personal, identifiable information

- **Bright Futures**
  - Expand the Bright Futures Scholarship to be used to pay tuition differential and technology fees

- **Workforce Readiness**
  - Increase options for individuals with disabilities to gain valuable work experience
Measuring Student Performance
- Provide students in all grades options for demonstrating mastery of standards by using additional student performance measures

Hiring Experienced Educators
- Provide school districts with options to ensure the availability of qualified and experienced school leaders, instructional staff, and support

Keeping Students and Communities Safe
- Provide students, education professionals, and communities with safe, well-maintained learning environments and shelter facilities

Supporting Public School Choice
- Provide school boards the authority to negotiate the best possible opportunities for students and families in their communities

Leveraging the Use of Federal Funds
- Maximize the efficient use of federal Title I funds and avoid duplication of services
Wellbeing of Children
- Addressing mental health, underserved schools, texting and driving, healthy sleep for teens, and anti-bullying

Early Childhood Education
- Ensure quality teacher training, health and safety standards, promote effective early education programs

Supporting Student Success
- Through the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Equal Access, Accountability, and Transparency

Juvenile Justice
- Encouraging collaboration between law enforcement, the judicial system and child welfare agencies

Gun Safety

Funding
Closing Florida’s Talent Gap by Improving Educational Opportunities

- Advocating for increased attainment and more quality training programs to ensure Florida consistently has a diverse and talented workforce;
- Prioritizing early learning opportunities and programs;
- Renewing a focus on STEM initiatives throughout Florida’s education system;
- Providing parents, students and teachers with the best educational options for success; and
- Continuing to support rigorous accountability standards for schools and effective measurements for student success.
Class Size Reform
- Achieve the class size reduction mandate on a "school level class size average" basis for grades 4-12.
- Reinvest the savings into measures demonstrated to improve teacher quality and to improve student achievement.

Standards and Accountability
- Hold Florida students to higher standards to successfully compete in the global marketplace.
- Make sure every student who takes the new test receives an accurate and valid test score.

School Choice

Financial Literacy
- **Early Learning**
  - A uniform system of regulation for health and safety standards for all early learning providers accepting taxpayer dollars.

- **Access to Technology and Innovative Learning**
  - Removing all barriers for accessing all forms of innovative technology-driven education.

- **Choices that Work for Individual Students**

- **Competition that Drives Improved Performance**

- **Talent Pipeline and Economic Development**

- **Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Medical (STEMM)**

- **Accountability**
Mastery-Based Learning

- Providing flexibility to school districts implementing competency-based education programs and expanding Florida’s pilot program to include additional districts.

VPK/Early Literacy

- Allowing parents to choose to enroll their child in an additional year of VPK at no cost if their child is not ready for Kindergarten.

College & Career Pathways

- Ensuring private school students have open access to Dual Enrollment courses at their local state colleges.
- Expanding Florida’s partnership with The College Board to increase AP course participation and passage among students in urban communities.
- Expanding computer science courses to students and providing incentives for teachers.

Educational Opportunities

- Establishing the Hope Scholarship program so students who have been bullied or harassed have the option to move to another public school or private school.
- Increasing funding for the Gardiner Scholarship program so that more students with disabilities can have access to a customized education.
Through FPN’s Education Affinity Group (EAG):

- High standards for K-12 education; fostering partnership which ensure excellent instruction
- Support of “Rise to 55” initiative of increasing Florida’s post-secondary attainment rate
- Research in support of merit and need-based financial aid, including the effects of recent changes to Florida Bright Futures
Legislative Structure

House of Representatives
- Appropriations Committee
  - PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittee
  - PreK-12 Innovation Subcommittee
  - PreK-12 Quality Subcommittee

Education Committee

Senate
- Appropriations
- Education
  - Appropriations Subcommittee on PreK-12 Education
Legislative Leadership

- **House of Representatives**
  - **Speaker of the House**
    - Representative Richard Corcoran (R-37)
      (Part of Pasco County)
  - **Speaker Pro Tempore 2016-2018**
    - Representative Jeanette Nuñez (R-119)
      (Part of Miami-Dade)
Legislative Leadership

- **Florida Senate**
  - President of the Senate
    - Senator Joe Negron (R-25)
    - (Martin, St. Lucie, and parts of Palm Beach County)
  - President Pro Tempore
    - Senator Anitere Flores (R-39)
    - (Monroe County and parts of Miami-Dade County)
Education Committees

**Senate**

**Chair:** Dorothy L. Hukill

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**Members:**
- Lauren Book
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- Tom Lee
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- Bruce Antone
- Kamia L. Brown
- Kimberly Daniels
- Shevrin “Shev” Jones
- Jason Fischer
- Larry Lee, Jr.
- Rene “Coach P” Plasencia
- Elizabeth W. Porter
- Charlie Stone
- Barrington A. “Barry” Russell
PreK-12 Appropriations Subcommittees

**Senate**

**Chair:** Kathleen Passidomo

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- Stan McClain
- Jennifer Mae Sullivan
- Bobby Payne
PreK-12 Education 5-Year Funding
Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)

- Legislature established the Florida Education Finance Program in 1973 to comply with the constitutional requirement for uniform system.
- The funding formula used to calculate operating revenue allocations for 67 school districts including charter schools, 1 special district, 6 lab schools, & Florida Virtual School.
- The purpose is to provide each student in the Florida public educational system the availability of programs and services appropriate to his or her educational needs.
- These services should be substantially equal to those available to any similar student notwithstanding geographic differences and varying local economic factors.
Florida Education Finance Program Funding

Public Schools Funds (FEFP) per FTE

- Fed Stimulus
- Local Funds
- State Funds
- Student FTE

Funds per FTE:
- $3,436 (2007-08)
- $3,577 (2008-09)
- $3,424 (2009-10)
- $3,195 (2010-11)
- $2,952 (2011-12)
- $2,843 (2012-13)
- $2,897 (2013-14)
- $3,010 (2014-15)
- $3,156 (2015-16)
- $3,170 (2016-17)
- $3,170 (2017-18)

FTE:
- 2,500,000 (2007-08)
- 2,550,000 (2008-09)
- 2,600,000 (2009-10)
- 2,650,000 (2010-11)
- 2,700,000 (2011-12)
- 2,750,000 (2012-13)
- 2,800,000 (2013-14)
- 2,850,000 (2014-15)
- 2,900,000 (2015-16)
- 2,950,000 (2016-17)
- 3,000,000 (2017-18)
Constitutional Revision Commission

CRC Education Committee

**Chair:** Marva Johnson
- Erika Donalds
- Tom Grady
- Darlene Jordan
- Belinda Keiser

**Vice Chair:** Nicole Washington
- Patricia Levesque
- Chris Sprowls
- Pam Stewart

**Commissioner Proposals**

**Public Proposals**
What Do You Think?

- Best and Brightest Reform (HB7069)
- Bright Futures (Scholarship) Reform
- Capital Outlay for Districts
- Class Size Requirements Re-addressed
- More funding for Higher Education
- More funding for K-12 Education
Questions & Answers

Please use the chat box function to ask a panelist questions. A moderator will read your question aloud for our speakers to answer.
Know More about HB7069

Analysis of “Best and Brightest Teachers and Principals”:

✓ Conference Report (6 pp); May 2017

✓ Appropriations Committee Staff Analysis (11pp); April 2017

✓ Education Committee Final Bill Analysis (77 pp); October 2017
Education Partnerships Toolkit

ENGAGE

A Funders' Guide to Understanding Florida Standards Implementation

http://fpnetwork.org/eag/engage
EAG History: Raising the Profile of Philanthropy in Education

What began as an informal group of funders interested in supporting education issues, organizations and needs in Florida in 2008 grew to become Florida Philanthropic Network’s Education Affinity Group (EAG), a dedicated space for Florida’s education funders. From best practices to taking positions, EAG provides space for funders to learn from each other, work together to improve the state’s education outcomes and be a voice for Florida philanthropy on key education policy issues.

The President of The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida Nina Waters was the first chair of the group. It was important for funders to connect statewide, Waters said, because most decisions are made in Tallahassee. Harnessing the group’s collective voice allows members to be informed and aware of education policy at the state level, in addition to their local efforts, she added.
Module 1: Tools & Resources

EAG Introductory Briefs
- Education Issue Brief: Accelerating STEM Education
- Education Issue Brief: Providing Adequate Resources
- Education Issue Brief: Ensuring Teacher Accountability

EAG Position Paper
This position paper details the support of Florida Philanthropic Network through our Education Funders Affinity Group, for establishing a statewide goal to have 60% of working-age Floridians possess post-secondary degrees or certifications by the year 2025. The paper also outlines FPN’s support for related policies that can help achieve this goal.

FPN State Attainment Goal FAQs

TNTP Research on Implementation of Florida Standards

TNTP Florida Diagnostics Summary

Florida Standards Implementation Infographic highlighting TNTP research results
In 2014, Florida Standards were adopted and students are being tested with Florida Standards Assessments. TNTP, a national nonprofit founded by teachers that works alongside educators in schools and district offices, partnered with Florida districts the same year to assess implementation of the new standards. TNTP set out to answer “to what extent are current practices at the classroom, school and district levels supporting or hindering efforts to ensure rigorous, standards-aligned instruction for all students?”

Related Links

Implementation of K–12 State Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts and Literacy
This is an excellent Rand report on finding from the American Teachers Panel on challenges and successes around implementing higher standards in K-12. Rand Corp., 2016

Teaching the teachers
Great teaching has long been seen as an innate skill. But reformers are showing that the best teachers are made, not born
This article was the pre-session reading for our EAG meeting and the basis of Dassler’s presentation. It backs up the assertion that while great teaching has long been seen as an innate skill reformers are showing that the best teachers are made, not born. The Economist, June 11, 2016

ENGAGE is an initiative of Florida Philanthropic Network in partnership with its Education Affinity Group and with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. Special thanks to Jacksonville Public Education Fund, The Community Foundation for Northeast Florida, Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Conn Memorial Foundation, TNTP and Pasco County Schools for their insight, time and contributions to the ENGAGE toolkit.
Florida Implementation Network

Perception vs. Reality

In early 2015, several Florida districts sought to understand how their policies and practices were working at the classroom level and what they could do to help students meet college-ready standards.

Research revealed that very few lessons (7%) suggested teachers were making the instructional shifts required by the new standards — despite 70% of teachers and leaders reporting that they felt confident that they could implement the standards effectively. Further, only 36% of assignments reviewed met the demands of the targeted standards, leaving students with insufficient opportunities to complete rigorous, grade-level work.
The Importance of Philanthropy's Voice

In an ever-changing landscape of leadership turnover, policy changes, and shifting (but ever-present) political constraints, many across the education sector rely only on trusted partners and trusted sources of information. Even as they realize that circle of influence or knowledge may not be large enough to know and achieve all they wish to accomplish.

Leaders matter.

At all levels: district, school-level, classroom and in the community. They influence and shape the culture and create conditions to deliver on their vision for excellent instruction.

But leaders leave.

No one knows how to counteract the churn, which seems to be growing. Fatigue and retraction sets in if there are not leaders at other levels, or in other roles, who can maintain the vision.
Developing Effective Partnerships

Funders are used to hearing different versions of the meaning of "partnership" from organizations wanting to work with them (aka receive funding). All too often the "partnership" being proposed involves the funder supporting the initiatives or priorities which the applicant brings forward with minimal input from the funder.

On the other hand, the applicant sees that:

1. the funder has "a lot" of money; and
2. they support "education" (in this case).

Therefore, the funder is fair game to "partner."

Having been on the receiving end of these requests, the most powerful question is often, "So you’re applying to receive x dollars. ... where is..."
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Easy links for contact information for legislators, following committee agendas, archived audio, following legislation and publications.

- [www.floridasenate.gov](http://www.floridasenate.gov) (also use bill tracker)
- [www.myfloridahouse.gov](http://www.myfloridahouse.gov) (also use bill tracker)
- [www.thefloridachannel.org](http://www.thefloridachannel.org) – Watch committees, live & recorded
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2016-2018 Senate and Joint Committees

A committee functions to study and plan solutions to issues facing Floridians. The Senate and House rules provide for standing committees, subcommittees. The Senate President names the chairs and members of all Senate committees, while the Speaker of the House names the chairs of committees. The presiding officers appoint members to joint committees which are composed of members from each house. Select committee recommendations on special or unique problems by the respective presiding officer in each house.

Standing Committees

- Agriculture AG
- Appropriations AP

- Appropriations Subcommittee on Criminal and Civil Justice ACJ
- Appropriations Subcommittee on the Environment and Natural Resources AEN
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Finance and Tax AFT
- Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government AGG
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services AHS
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Higher Education AHE
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Pre-K - 12 Education AED
- Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development ATD
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Now Playing: House Committee on Government Accountability (from December 5)

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FEATURED NEWS/EVENTS
Florida Education Foundations Critical to Hurricane Recovery November 14, 2017
What It Takes to Put All Students on Track

QUICK LINKS
Connect With Your Local Education Foundation
Support a Local Classroom Now – LightUpFL

YOU CAN HELP NOW

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT
Join Us at the CFEF Legislative Reception

Wednesday, January 10, 2018
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm

The Florida Capitol – 22nd Floor
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL

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