

ACT NOW!

*Request Governor DeSantis to Veto SB 620!
Ask your Legislator to Support Provide a Gas Tax Refund Now!
Support Request for Equitable Treatment of all districts with the
Instructional Material purchasing!*

The Briefing – Friday – May 20 – 2022

The last Briefing was Thursday, May 19 – 2022

The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to County Commissioners and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and School Board members, Superintendents, and staff in districts that are members of the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com

Important Information and Resource Links

[*Small County Coalition Website*](#)

[*Small School District Council Consortium Website*](#)

The Quick

The SSDCC calls for reimbursement if “Special Deals” were not equitably provided

[Statement in relation to Investigation of Instructional Materials Sales Practices .docx](#)

“If it is found that some districts received favorable pricing -

The Small School District Council Consortium requests retroactive reimbursement or credits, and, for future purchases, equitable treatment of all districts as required by law.”

Statement made by Chris Doolin, Governmental Consultant

The past Monday, the Small School District Council Consortium requested Governor DeSantis, Attorney General Moody, Chief Financial Officer Patronis, and Commissioner of Education Jacob Oliva to pursue issues raised by a “Whistleblower” alleging that some districts were receiving benefits that were not provided to all districts. The issue raised regarding the purchase of Instructional materials and textbooks, is based on the claim some districts are getting a better deal from publishers resulting in lower costs.

The SSDCC represents smaller districts throughout the State of Florida in administrative and legislative matters – specifically funding and state agency programs. The membership collectively provides educational services to over 250,000 students in Florida’s K-12 public school system. The student population of SSDCC members would rank third behind Dade and Broward in terms of total student population.

Special Session To Convene Next Week

Will additional items be added to the call? Rumors, Rumors and More Rumors!

With the third Special Session of the Florida Legislature schedule to convene next week to deal with the Property Insurance crisis, there are rumors surfacing that the agenda will be expanded to include other issues. What are some of the issues being discussed behind the scenes:

A trigger Bill for Abortion – if Roe vs Wade is declared unconstitutional – a trigger bill would automatically go into place eliminating existing state law dealing with the matter.

Open Carry – this issue has been discussed by the Governor. There are multiple variations to the meaning of open carry. It is unclear as to what the framework of the proposal would be.

Moving the Gas Tax Holiday from October to June – the legislature allotted \$200 million to lower gas prices in October - Some people have suggested that the Legislature advance the refund to July 1. Gas prices are currently at record high levels and are predicted to go to \$5.50 - \$6.00 a gallon within the next two months.

Headlines from around the State

Sentinel: Budget? What budget? DeSantis approves \$2 billion in projects without getting spending plan

Times-Union: As hurricane season nears, Florida lawmakers wrestle with battered property insurance market in special session

FlaPol: Charlie Crist unveils property insurance plan as lawmakers set for Special Session

FlaPol: Targeting fentanyl, Gov. DeSantis signs controlled substances bill

FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis approves \$3.2M for Okaloosa industrial site through job fund

Capitolist: Florida Insurance Commissioner named in public policy circumvention lawsuit

FlaPol: Census undercount likely cost Florida a U.S. House seat

FlaPol: Expiration of public health emergency, enhanced tax credits could surge state's uninsured rolls

FlaPol: John Thrasher on teachers: 'Damn it, they need to be paid more'

FlaPol: Orlando Gudes declared his primary residence in District 7 while representing District 5 — now he's paying for it

FlaPol: Tampa City Council to require landlords to give 60-day notice before raising rents

Herald: Mayor Suarez's office is mum on prime courtside seat at the Heat's playoff game

Herald: Superintendent's wife is hired by Miami-Dade School Board in six-figure position

Democrat: Tallahassee federal courthouse on path to be named for trailblazing Black judge after GOP lawmakers initially balked

Herald: 'Really dire situation': Record South Florida home prices stymie many aspiring buyers

Herald: The silent crisis that affects everyone in Hialeah: the exorbitant price of water and sewer

WLRN: Miami-Dade school board oks tax referendum for Nov. 8 ballot

WLRN: Mangroves help fight hurricanes. Now Miami wants to ban planting any more at city parks

Sentinel: Orlando police unveil real-time crime monitoring center

Sentinel: Controversial UCF professor fired amid racism controversy wins job back

Herald: Fraud suspect faked presidential pardon signed by Donald Trump, Florida officials say

The Hill: Disney renames annual 'Rainbow Disney' clothing line to 'Disney Pride' collection

Capitolist: Florida tourism sees record numbers in first quarter

WLRN: Many Cuban exiles feel Biden let himself be 'blackmailed' by Havana with Cuba policy changes

FlaPol: New Rick Scott ad targets 'incompetent and confused' Joe Biden

FlaPol: 'He just has no clue': Democrats continue criticism of Rick Scott's Rescue America plan

FlaPol: Rick Scott says 'incompetent people' are the problem with Joe Biden White House

FlaPol: Jared Moskowitz's bid for Congress earns more elected leaders' endorsements

FlaPol: FEC wants answers on whether Amanda Makki paid personal bills with campaign dollars

FlaPol: FEC complaint targets six-figure 'straw donor' to Ron DeSantis, Wilton Simpson, Francis Suarez

FlaPol: Ken Russell catches another viral wave on TikTok with videos targeting sea polluters

Herald: 'Vote you out.' Sharief attacks Book in Broward battle over abortion bill amendment

FlaPol: Jay Williamson endorses Shane Abbott in HD 5 race

FlaPol: Paul Renner endorses Alex Andrade re-election bid

FlaPol: Ruth's List backs Johanna Lopez, LaVon Bracy Davis for House seats

FlaPol: More than \$12K in April donations adds to Robin Bartleman's lead in HD 103 rematch

FlaPol: Alina Garcia gains \$35K in now unopposed bid for HD 115

Sentinel: Brightline train makes 1st test appearance at Orlando airport station

Democrat: Cancer claims White House Boy who got state apology for Dozier abuse

Post: Emergency landing in Florida: Pilot who lost consciousness in mid-air suffered aortic tear

Upcoming Meeting of State Associations

June 8-10 -

[FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference](#) – Tampa

June 9 -

Small District Breakfast – Annual Joint Business Meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the SSDCC

June 28 - July 1 –

[FAC Annual Conference - Small County Coalition Annual Meeting -](#)

June

[Orlando](#) The Small County Coalition will meet for breakfast on Wed.

29th -

Five Day Tropical Outlook

<https://www.nhc.noaa.gov/>



Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida



Current Disturbances and Five-Day Cyclone Formation Chance: < 40% 40-60% > 60%

Tropical or Sub-Tropical Cyclone: Depression Storm Hurricane

Post-Tropical Cyclone or Remnants

On the Docket

FRIDAY, MAY 20, 2022

- **PHYSICAL THERAPY:** The Florida Board of Physical Therapy will meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 8 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Tampa Airport-Westshore, 4500 West Cypress St., Tampa.)
- **COLLEGE PRESIDENTS:** The Council of Presidents of the Florida College System will meet in Polk County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Polk State College, 999 Avenue H N.E., Winter Haven.)
- **TRANSPORTATION PANEL:** The Florida Transportation Commission is scheduled to meet in Alachua County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Transportation State Materials Office, 5007 N.E. 39th Ave., Gainesville.)
- **OSTEOPATHIC BOARD:** The Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will meet in Osceola County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites Lakes Buena Vista, 4955 Kyngs Heath Road, Kissimmee.)
- **HEARING AID BOARD:** The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/620640133>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679 or 1-571-317-3116. Code: 620640133)
- **TREASURE COAST COUNCIL:** The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Indian River State College, Chastain Campus, Wolf High Technology Center, 2400 S.E. Salerno Road, Stuart.)

- **UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT RELEASED:** The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release an April unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- **REFUGEE ISSUES:** The Palm Beach Area Refugee Task Force will meet. (Friday, 10 a.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- **FINANCE BOARD:** The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Friday, 11 a.m., Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88646198049?pwd=T1VFU1NuUjBtSkZBMlBxTkFCM20wZz09>. Meeting ID: 88646198049. Code: 511203. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656)

