

Today – Monday – July 25th is the **Deadline to Register** to Vote in August 23rd Primary

The Briefing — Monday, July 25, 2022

The last Briefing was Friday, July 22, 2022

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The Quick

Governor Appoints Alicia Beshears – Taylor County School Superintendent

A Credentialed Educator with Experience as a Teacher and Administrator

ALICIA BESHEARS has been appointed by Gov. Ron DeSantis as the Taylor County superintendent of schools. Beshears, of Perry. Beshears replaces Paul Dyal who was filling in after the resignation of Danny Glover. Beshears is a Taylor County native and graduate of TCHS in 1989. She holds an AA, a BS in Elementary Education, and an MS in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. She taught at Perry Primary; served as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction for Taylor County Middle School; taught English at Taylor County Middle School and was Assistant Principal of Taylor County High School. Prior to her appointment as Superintendent, she worked as grants coordinator for the Taylor County School Board.

Update on Textbook Pricing Investigation

The investigation regarding the whistle blower claim that special deals were afforded to some districts by publishers is continuing. Based on court records obtained, the Attorney General's office has issued subpoenas requesting information regarding the matter.

The allegations surfaced in late April and early May – purporting that certain textbook publishers had offered lower prices on instructional material to some school districts, while simultaneously charging other districts a higher per unit price after the unit price, including free copies to the larger districts, is calculated.

This matter is of significant interest to SSDCC members, and our position is as follows:

- a full transparency review of this issue,
- a clear determination of how much districts were charged/overcharged,
- a reimbursement to districts that were overcharged calculated on a retro-active basis, and,
- consideration of changes that will provide additional oversight and accountability envisioned in the 2003 Oppaga Report No. 03-28.

Today is the Deadline to Register to Vote in August 23rd Primary

Floridians who want to vote in the Aug. 23 primary elections need to make sure they are registered by a Monday deadline. As of June 30, Florida had 5,157,343 registered Republicans, 4,955,022 registered

Democrats, and another 3,887,406 people were registered without party affiliations, and 256,413 were signed up for third parties.

Back To School Sales Tax Holiday Start Today and runs until August 7th

. Passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Ron DeSantis, the sales tax holiday begins Monday, July 25 and extends through Sunday, August 7. The Department of Revenue's [Taxpayer Information Publication on the 2022 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday](#) or the [2022 Florida Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday FAQs for Consumers](#) might help. Consumers can purchase qualifying back-to-school supplies exempt from tax during the 2022 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday

Headlines from around the State

Sentinel: DeSantis ignores challengers as he goes after 'stumbling' Biden. Democratic candidate calls governor a 'monster'

WUSF: DeSantis rallies Republican faithful, bashes Biden

News4Jax: Deadline to register to vote, change party affiliation is Monday

City & State FL: Florida ranks third in nationwide housing deficiency, report says

WUSF: Neo-Nazis protest outside a conservative student event in Tampa

Sun-Sentinel: Graphic Parkland videos withheld from courtroom view, but jurors must endure every detail

FlaPol: Army Corps to release LOSOM update as stakeholder concerns remain

WUSF: Remains of a previously unidentified World War II soldier will soon be buried in Tallahassee

My News 13: Nikki Fried falls one vote shy of winning Dem LGBTQ Caucus endorsement

The Floridian: Democrats Call on DeSantis to Denounce Tampa Nazis

The Floridian: Jimmy Patronis Praises DeSantis for Economic Success in FL

PNJ: Incumbent Doug Broxson faces John Mills in his first Senate bid

The Floridian: Paul Renner Defends Parental Rights Bill at Sunshine Summit

WUSF: Florida Warm Line offering emotional support in times of need

WUSF: Ocala prayer case is sent back to lower court

Sun-Sentinel: Condo owners brace for steep costs — with post-Surfside reforms on the way

Sun-Sentinel: Animal abuse complaint turns ugly after county outs caller. Broward blames state law for stripping away confidentiality.

Ledger: Students found in possession of weapons on Polk County school campuses increases: Report

Herald Tribune: DeSoto County phosphate mine delayed at least 2 years

Politico: Trump and DeSantis fight for the heart of the GOP in Florida

Herald: Trump, DeSantis headline two Republican conferences Saturday on opposing Florida coasts

News Herald: Gov. Ron DeSantis, Republican leaders tout tough stance against Democrats and avoid Trump

Sentinel: Incoming leaders Passidomo, Renner point to housing, 'woke' issues as priorities

Today: Many media outlets barred by DeSantis from high-profile GOP event

Herald: Swastikas outside conservative Tampa youth conference condemned by Holocaust museum

News Herald: Florida congressman Matt Gaetz to abortion rights protesters: 'Nobody wants to impregnate you'

AP: Has Florida Man finally met his match? Meet Florida Sheriff

FlaPol: Mike Waltz joins lawmakers in meeting with Volodymyr Zelenskyy

Herald: 27 Cuban migrants — including eight children — land in Key West on a wooden boat

Herald: DeSantis asks questions of debating congressional candidates at Florida GOP conference

FlaPol: Farmers push back after Charlie Crist proposes land purchase as Governor

Times: Who's boosting Laurel Lee's campaign contributions for Congress?

Herald: Miami-Dade mayor demands candidate for county commission stop using her photo in mailer

Sun-Sentinel: 27, not 17, Florida insurers marked for downgrades. Officials warn of havoc for homeowners

WUSF: Will Florida's improved electric vehicle infrastructure convince people to buy an EV?

WUSF: Craft beer is the focus of Visit Tampa Bay's latest marketing campaign

Sun-Sentinel: Hallandale Beach adds 13 Teslas to its police fleet to save money and go green

WUSF: Florida's unemployment rate drops in June despite concerns over a recession

Times: A Florida government official helped them register. Now they've been charged with voter fraud.

Herald: This group got sex-ed textbook pulled. Leader linked to controversial Miami private school

WLRN: Georgia is backing Florida in a fight about a 2021 elections law

FlaPol: Ethics case against Jack Latvala moves to administrative judge after panel rejects settlement

Times: Proposed ethics settlement for ex-Sen. Jack Latvala tossed

Times: Florida school officials say they back raises, but available money is limited

Times: Pinellas teachers ask for major raise. Be realistic, district says.

Times: Florida's new parental rights law means more paperwork for Pasco parents

FlaPol: Saturday 'Stay Woke Go Vote' panel in West Palm Beach to center on civic engagement, voter turnout

AP: Parkland mass shooting jurors shown graphic victims photos

Herald: Medical examiners difficult testimony on Parkland: AR-15 did massive damage to victims

The Hill: Disney swaps 'fairy godmother' role at parks for gender-neutral 'apprentice'

WLRN: One person was arrested at heated Miami-Dade school board meeting

Officials: Housing issues lead to mass pet surrenders in Central Florida

Sentinel: Winter Park says damaged home is unsafe. Owner calls eviction a death sentence
NWF Daily News: City 'gets the conversation going' about vision for a new downtown Fort Walton Beach

Capitolist: Florida Department of Health requests additional monkeypox vaccines

FlaPol: Hero's welcome for Ron DeSantis at Turning Point USA conclave

Post: Gov. Ron DeSantis, Republican leaders tout tough stance against Democrats and avoid Trump

FlaPol: Democrats slam 'MAGA extremists' ahead of Tampa convention drawing big GOP names

Herald: Charlie Crist says Florida Democrats have 'better climate' to win in 2022

FlaPol: Charlie Crist's bid for Governor earns nods from high-profile progressives

FlaPol: 'Who knows?' Rick Scott stays vague on Ron DeSantis, Mitch McConnell political futures

WUSF: School boards have become the new partisan battleground in Florida

Times: Florida's congressional seats: Which ones could flip?

FlaPol: Al Lawson to headline Democratic Club of North Florida Breakfast

FlaPol: Kathy Castor, Lindsay Cross to host canvassing event in St. Pete

Sun-Sentinel: Ted Deutch weighs in, knocks down charge that Moskowitz supports DeSantis or Trump

FlaPol: Dollars rain down in Commissioner race for western Nassau

Times: Teacher files state complaint against Pasco School Board candidate

WUSF: Interview: AARP's Zayne Smith on what has changed for Florida voters

On the Docket

MONDAY, JULY 25, 2022

- **TAX 'HOLIDAY' STARTS:** The state will start a back-to-school tax "holiday" that will allow shoppers to avoid paying sales taxes on items such as clothes, school supplies and personal computers. The holiday period will continue through Aug. 7.
- **VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE:** Monday is the last day to register to vote or change party affiliations before the Aug. 23 primary elections.

TUESDAY, JULY 26, 2022

- **SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD:** The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Southwest Florida Water Management District, 7601 U.S. 301 North, Tampa.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION:** The Commission for Independent Education will meet in Central Florida. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.)
- **CRIMINAL JUSTICE ISSUES:** The Criminal Justice Estimating Conference will meet. (Tuesday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **FIRST RESPONDER SUICIDES:** The First Responder Suicide Deterrence Task Force will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)

- **KEYS COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. (Tuesday, 2 p.m., The College of the Florida Keys, Upper Keys Center, 106040 Overseas Highway, Key Largo. <https://app.gotomeeting.com/?meetingId=261501173>. Call-in number: 1-571-317-3112. Code: 261501173)
- **TURNPIKE EXTENSION:** Opponents of a plan to extend Florida's Turnpike northwest from Wildwood will hold a news conference ahead of a Sumter County Commission meeting. (Tuesday, 4 p.m., Everglades Regional Recreation Center, 5497 Marsh Bend Trail, The Villages.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022

- **BISCAYNE BAY PROTECTIONS:** The state Biscayne Bay Commission, which is looking at ways to protect the bay, will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida International University, Biscayne Bay Campus, Wolfe University Center, 3000 N.E. 151st St., North Miami.)
- **LOTTERY GETS:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues involving the Florida Lottery. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **ARCHITECTURE BOARD:** The state Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., The Breakers Palm Beach, 1 South County Road, Palm Beach.)
- **MED MAL ISSUES:** The Board of Governors of the Florida Medical Malpractice Joint Underwriting Association is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Sawgrass Marriott, 1000 PGA Tour Blvd., Ponte Vedra Beach.)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION COMMISSION:** The Commission for Independent Education will meet in Central Florida. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Mission Inn Resort & Club, 10400 County Road 48, Howey-In-The-Hills.)
- **GAMBLING ISSUES:** The Florida Gaming Control Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)
- **UNEMPLOYMENT CASES:** The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Conference ID: 175899214)
- **MEDICAL EXAMINERS:** The state Medical Examiners Commission will meet in Central Florida. (Wednesday, 10 a.m., Omni Orlando Resort at ChampionsGate, 1500 Masters Blvd., ChampionsGate.)
- **RISK MANAGEMENT:** The Self-Insurance Estimating Conference will take up risk-management issues. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **COLLEGE ASSOCIATION BOARD:** The Association of Florida Colleges Board of Directors will meet. (Wednesday, 2 p.m. Information at <https://www.myafchome.org/>)

THURSDAY, JULY 28, 2022

- **REHABILITATION COUNCIL:** The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., DoubleTree by Hilton Orlando Airport, 5555 Hazeltine National Dr., Orlando. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 252795423)
- **SCHOOL ENROLLMENT:** The Education Estimating Conference will analyze enrollment in public schools. (Thursday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION:** The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-270-6017. Code: 411039499)

- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.)
- **VALENCIA COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Valencia College Board of Trustees will hold an organizational meeting, followed by a workshop. (Thursday, 9:30 a.m., district office, 1768 Park Center Dr., Orlando.)
- **DEP HOLDS OPEN HOUSE:** The Florida Department of Environmental Protection is scheduled to hold an open house at its Southeast District Office. (Thursday, 10 a.m., DEP Southeast District Office, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach.)
- **HIGHWAY SAFETY MONEY:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze highway-safety revenues. (Thursday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL:** The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m. <https://meet.goto.com/728948053>. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 728948053)

FRIDAY, JULY 29, 2022

- **MEDICAID NUMBERS:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will take up caseloads in the Medicaid program. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **PRISON MEDICAL ISSUES:** The state Correctional Medical Authority is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 344085830)
- **MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Marriott Orlando Airport Lakeside, 7499 Augusta National Dr., Orlando.)
- **HART HOSTS FOOD, PPE EVENT:** Rep. Dianne Hart, D-Tampa, will help host an event to provide free food and personal-protective equipment. (Friday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., New Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 2511 East Columbus Dr., Tampa.)
- **COMMUNICATIONS TAX:** The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the communications-services tax and the gross-receipts tax. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **FINANCE REPORTS:** State candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 22.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

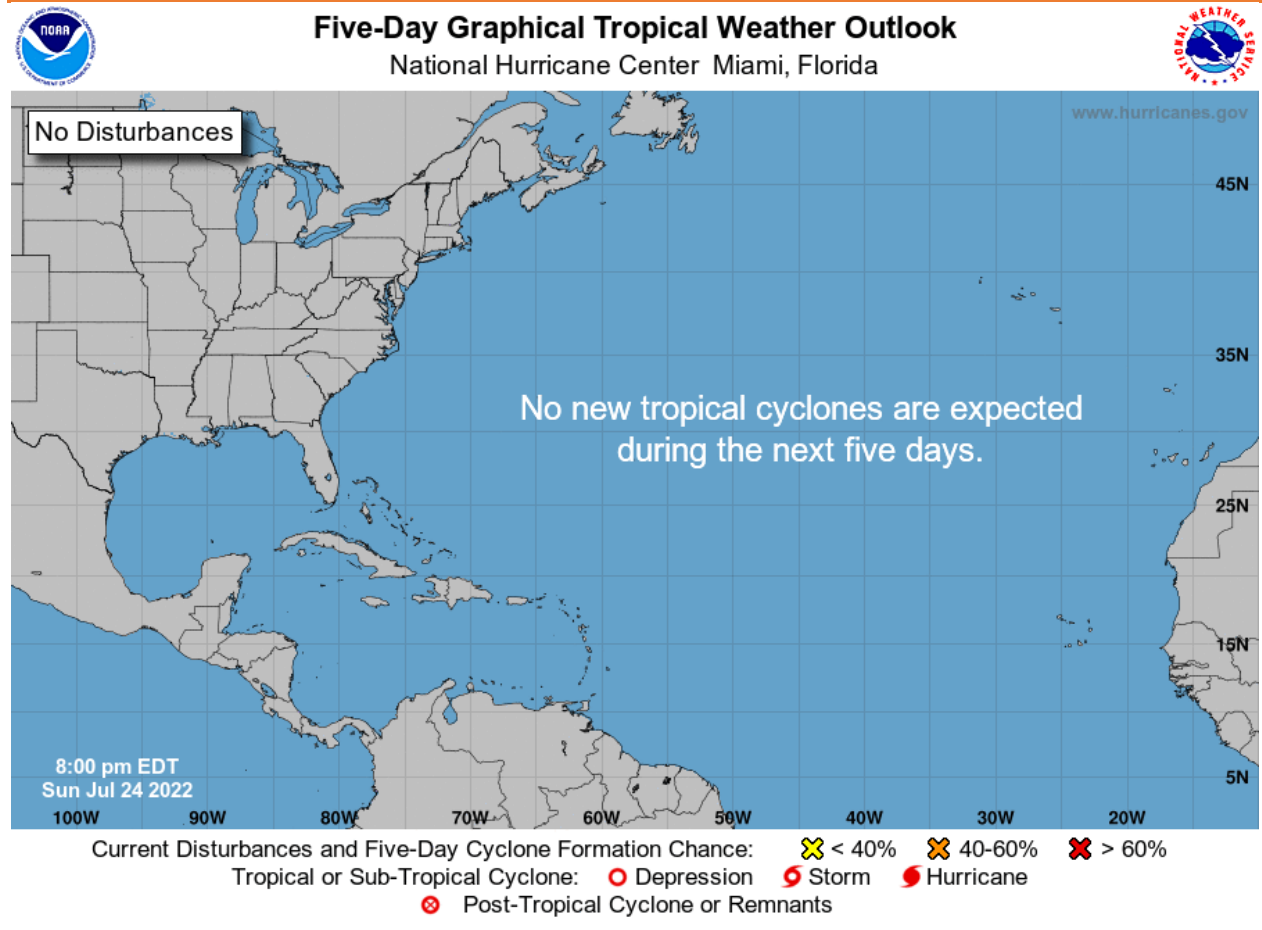
July 25 -	Deadline to Register to Vote in the Aug. 23 primary
August 23 -	Primary Election
Sept. 14-16 -	FAC Legislative Policy Conference – Miami-Dade
November 8 -	General Election
Possible TBA	<i>Small County Coalition</i> – Orientation and Legislative Meeting
November 22 -	Legislative Organizational Session
Nov. 29 – Dec. 2 -	FSBA/FADSS Annual Winter Conference – Tampa
<i>Dec. 1 -</i>	<i>Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of FSBA Small Dist. Council and the Small School District Council Consortium</i>
<i>Nov. 30- Dec. 2 -</i>	<i>FAC Legislative Conference – Pinellas</i>
December –	Legislative Committee Meetings
December 7-9 -	Rural Development Summit – World Golf Resort

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January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
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February – Legislative Committee Meetings
 March 7 - Regular Session convenes
 March 15 - Small District Briefing – prior to FSBA Legislative Conference
 March 15–17 - 36th Annual FSBA Day in the Legislature
 March - TBD – Small County Coalition Legislative Briefing and Reception
 April 25- Rural Counties Day Legislative Reception
 April 27 - Rural Days in the Legislature
 May 5 - 60th day – last day of Regular Session
 June 7-9- FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference, Tampa, FL
 June 27-30 - FAC Annual Summer Conference
 November 30 – Small District Breakfast – Joint meeting of the FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium

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About the Briefing!

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

Website Links

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