

40 Days Until August 23 Primary 118 Days until November 9th General Election

The Briefing —Thursday, July 14, 2022

The last Briefing was Monday, July 11, 2022

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The Quick

Commissioner of Education Prepares to Ramp-Up Teacher Recruitment

Excerpt from article written by Andrew Atterbury

Education Commissioner Manny Diaz Jr. announced that the state is “putting together a plan” to address a frustrating shortage of teachers and support staff that includes making it easier to certify educators and bringing more attention to existing underused programs. Diaz made these comments at Wednesday’s Board of Education meeting in Kissimmee. Diaz indicated the plan to attract teachers from other states would use a strategy similar to one used in HB 3 providing \$5,000 recruitment bonuses for law-enforcement officers. Teacher recruitment has been a struggle and continues to be one of the most pressing education issues in Florida with local schools preparing for classes starting in the next 4-6 weeks.

NEA Annual Reports on Educator Pay and Earnings

Earlier this year, the National Education Association issued four annual reports on educator pay providing data covering everything from the average teacher salary to state spending on students. The NEA reports are linked below:

- [Rankings and Estimates](#) provides a wide array of school funding statistics and includes the average teacher salary by state and nationally.
- [Teacher Salary Benchmark Report](#) provides information from nearly 12,000 local school districts on starting teacher salaries and salaries at other points of the teaching career continuum.
- [ESP Earnings Report](#) offers a breakdown of educational support professional (ESP) earnings for K-12 and higher education.
- [Higher Education Faculty Salary Analysis](#) looks at faculty and graduate assistant salaries at the national, state, and institutional level.

Here’s a link to more information - <http://nea.org/educatorpay>.

Military Consumer Protection Month

Attorney General Moody Calling Attention to Military Consumer Protection Resources

Military Consumer Protection Month is a public awareness campaign led by the Federal Trade Commission. More than 1.5 million veterans, 100,000 service members and their families live in Florida. Here’s a new “[Military Consumer Protection Resource Guide](#)” published by the Attorney General Ashley Moody’s Office that includes information on the most common scams targeting military families, and existing laws that provide protections for service members. A.G. Moody is also advising military members and families to read “[Scams at a Glance: Protect our Patriots](#),” a quick-reference guide with tips

on avoiding fraudulent schemes. Additionally, Moody's office houses a Military and Veterans Assistance Program within its Consumer Protection Division that aids service members dealing with fraud and related issues.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES PROJECTED FOR FY 22-23

2022

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

2023

January –	Legislative Committee Meetings
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

Headlines from around the State

Politico: DeSantis convenes top donors, fellow GOP govs as 2024 chatter builds

Sun-Sentinel: Florida's 15-week abortion law remains in effect as judge keeps injunction on hold

The Capitolist: Florida leaders sound off on Venezuelan protection extension

FlaPol: Rick Scott says inflation is driving retirees back into workforce

FlaPol: Val Demings reports \$12.2M raised in second quarter

FlaPol: Stephanie Murphy slams Matt Gaetz for conspiring with Donald Trump before Jan. 6

Democrat: Jan. 6 hearing highlights coordination by Florida Oath Keepers, Proud Boys leaders

City & State FL: Moving on: Florida saw rise in people relocating to state during the pandemic

Times: Florida should bring back parole, conservative policy study says

FlaPol: \$3.1 billion Florida state employee health insurance plan is up for bid

FlaPol: Aaron Bean plays auctioneer on TV, real life in new ad for CD 4

FlaPol: Tallahassee Mayor, state lawmakers attend gun reform event in Washington

Herald: 'There's no place to move that's affordable.' Parents share rent woes with Miami-Dade mayor

News-Press: Pedestrian fatality study shows Cape Coral and Fort Myers among Florida cities deadliest in US

Herald Tribune: Sarasota area ranks top 20 for deadliest pedestrian areas

News4Jax: Federal agencies helping Florida investigate listeria outbreak linked to ice cream

The Capitolist: DeSantis touts state educational approach at Teacher of the Year conference

Sentinel: Disney World's Reedy Creek firefighters endorse DeSantis despite districts abolishment

Times: Where Nikki Fried stands on the issues as she runs for governor

WUSF: Judge strikes down 'rights of nature' charter amendment

The Floridian: Charlie Crist Says 'Cuba Should be Free'

The Capitolist: DeSantis Watch: political partnership seeks to 'hold Florida's governor accountable'

Ledger: 'Unfortunate and discriminatory': Black farmers feel left out of Florida's medical marijuana system

TCPalm: Unavoidable truth, illegal in FL: possessing 20 grams or less of weed

The Capitolist: ABC of Florida endorses Ashley Moody's re-election

WLRN: Keys marine sanctuary looks to add almost a thousand square miles

FlaPol: Lauren Book hits her career high in monthly fundraising, raising more than \$500K in June

FlaPol: Florida Education Association endorses Janet Cruz for re-election

The Capitolist: Bay County Sheriff Tommy Ford endorses Griff Griffiths in HD 6

CBS Miami: Surfside mayor doubles down on decision not to fly pride flag

FlaPol: FAMU board of trustees agree on budget requests

News4Jax: Safety, sexuality & teacher shortages: Clay County voters to decide three races for school board

FlaPol: Tallahassee lawyer recognized with Bulldog of the Year award

Sentinel: UCF plans new nursing school facility with \$29 million from state

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

THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022

- **DERELICT VESSELS:** The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will continue a two-day meeting in Duval County and consider issues such as a program that would allow people to turn over to the commission vessels deemed at risk of becoming derelict. The vessel owners would not face penalties or costs. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of North Florida, Adam W. Herbert University Center, 12000 Alumni Dr., Jacksonville.)
- **SOUTH FLORIDA WATER BOARD:** The South Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., South Florida Water Management District, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach. https://sfwmd.gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_4A5bfkwxSnKB20jQFTtkKA)
- **KIDCARE NUMBERS ANALYZED:** The Social Services Estimating Conference will analyze caseloads in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program. (Thursday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **UNF TRUSTEES MEET:** The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m. <https://unf.zoom.us/j/99157773665>. Call-in number: 1-301-715-8592. Code: 99157773665)
- **ALZHEIMER'S AT ISSUE:** The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, noon, Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way,

Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85484909428?pwd=M3M3ejk2ckdhd0RSb28xTmxmVV RVdz09>. Meeting ID: 85484909428. Code: 301360)

- NORTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD: The Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet in Okaloosa County. (Thursday, 1 p.m., Okaloosa County Administration Building, 1250 Eglin Parkway, Shalimar.)

FRIDAY, JULY 15, 2022

- RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD: The Florida Board of Respiratory Care will meet in Volusia County. (Friday, 8 a.m., The Shores Resort and Spa, 2637 South Atlantic Ave., Daytona Beach Shores.)
- DESANTIS SPEAKS AT MOMS FOR LIBERTY EVENT: Gov. Ron DeSantis is expected to speak at a Moms for Liberty “summit” in Hillsborough County. Other speakers are expected to include First Lady Casey DeSantis, state Rep. Erin Grall, R-Vero Beach, and state Rep. Joe Harding, R-Ocala. (Friday, event starts at 9 a.m., Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water St., Tampa.)
- NATIONAL ECONOMY: The Economic Estimating Conference will analyze issues related to the national economy. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- HEARING AID BOARD: The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists is scheduled to meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Sheraton Sand Key Resort 1160 Gulf View Blvd., Clearwater Beach.)
- TREASURE COAST PLANNING 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.)
- MONTHLY REVENUE AT ISSUE: The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze monthly revenue estimates. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: Statewide candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through July 8.

SATURDAY, JULY 16, 2022

- SCOTT SPEAKS AT MOMS FOR LIBERTY EVENT: U.S. Sen. Rick Scott, R-Fla., and former U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos are expected to speak at a Moms for Liberty “summit” in Hillsborough County. (Saturday, event starts at 8:30 a.m., Tampa Marriott Water Street, 505 Water St., Tampa.)

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

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

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