

# The Briefing – Thursday - September 22 –2022

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#### The Quick

### Reports Shows Increase in Flow of Dollars toward Choice Programs in Florida

The flow of state school aid to vouchers has reached an estimated \$1.3 billion in the wake of the Florida Legislature's enactment of the Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) program in 2019, according to a new research report by Education Law Center (ELC) and Florida Policy Institute (FPI). The report, Florida's Hidden Voucher Expansion: Over \$1 Billion From Public Schools to Fund Private Education, finds that the increase in funding to vouchers in 2022-23 is equivalent to 10% of total state aid for public education. This is in addition to potentially another \$1.1 billion in public dollars from the state treasury through vouchers financed by corporate tax credits. Click the button below to download the report. You will also have access to an interactive map with county-level data.

Florida's Hidden Voucher Expansion: Over \$1 Billion From Public Schools to Fund Private

Education (floridapolicy.org)

#### Headlines from around the State

Democrat: Sen. Mitch McConnell: Ron DeSantis 'helped' migrants with his Martha's Vineyard stunt

Democrat: Rick Scott, Marco Rubio urge FEMA to make Puerto Rico's recovery from Fiona 'top

priority'

Sun-Sentinel: President Joe Biden coming to Fort Lauderdale on Tuesday. Focus is health care costs, Medicare, Social Security.

NBC Miami: National Teachers Union Head Blasts DeSantis' Education Policy

Herald: National, state and local teacher unions blast DeSantis for 'overreach' in Broward schools

Herald: After abortion ruling, Demings tries to paint Republicans as anti-freedom

FlaPol: Rick Scott joins GOP push to open up baby formula market

Sentinel: Florida doesn't gain many new women voters after Roe ruling, but abortion issue remains

FlaPol: Vern Buchanan unveils GOP plan to make Donald Trump-era tax cuts permanent

Post: Trump back at Mar-a-Lago, thanks supporters for greeting him on his return to Florida

FlaPol: Crypto Council names Darren Soto among top supporters of digital currency in Congress

CBS News: Appeals court rules DOJ can regain access to sensitive documents seized in Trump search

Sun-Sentinel: 3 Trump properties in Florida named in New York lawsuit about inflated values. Here's how those assets were used

Herald: In strike at Trump empire, suit says he lied about property values, including Mar-a-Lago
Post: GOP's gains with more Miami-Dade Hispanics a bad sign for Democrats
FlaPol: Florida asks SCOTUS to overturn Big Tech 'censorship' ruling
The Capitolist: Publix stores in Florida activate disaster relief campaign to support efforts in Puerto Rico
NBC Miami: Florida, Gulf Region on Guard Watching Wave That Could Become Next Named System
Herald: Mexican actor killed Cuban man. Cultural, class divide raise concerns in a Miami trial
NBC Miami: 'Florida, The Emergency State': CLEO Institute Initiative Highlights Climate Crisis
FlaPol: Extensive 'Blueprint' to preserve, restore Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary
Herald: Miami clinic kicks off first national study of LSD, once a 'public enemy,' to treat anxiety
CBS Miami: Migrants flown to Mass. may remain anonymous; DeSantis could face additional lawsuit
NBC Miami: Legal Group Suing DeSantis Wants Injunction to Stop More Migrant Flights
FlaPol: Gov. DeSantis names six, including an Assistant Attorney General, to judicial commissions
FlaPol: Citizens board, officials cite lawsuits as 'root problem' of insurance crisis
WUSF: Changes are sought in Florida's law that allows college athletes to be paid
Democrat: 'Parental rights' movement leaves out these Florida parents. Here's what they're doing

FlaPol: Declined: Jimmy Patronis plans to void credit companies curtailing gun sales

FlaPol: Jimmy Patronis drafts incentive for businesses to take IRS to court

The Capitolist: Florida's healthcare professional shortage is only getting worse. Could education be the answer?

Herald: In Miami, county mayor to DeSantis: Don't use Venezuelans to 'score political points'

City & State FL: State selects north Florida farmer for new marijuana license

FlaPol: New EMILY's List endorsements spotlight female politicians and their push for abortion rights

FlaPol: House Republicans give Carolina Amesty cash lift as she faces Allie Braswell
FlaPol: Jay Collins appeals to veterans in 'Salute to Service' event in South Tampa

Sun-Sentinel: 'Mean Girls': Suspended School Board member blasts grand jury report as misleading and malicious

Herald: 'Total lack of transparency.' Keys investigators say 'strategic' plan kept vote secret WLRN: Jessell looks set to be the new FIU president - as the only finalist for the post Times: How much will USF's on-campus football stadium cost? Here's a glimpse.

Herald: Surfside families portray victims to judge dividing \$1.1 billion. 'The entire room was crying.'

Today: Multiple Indian River Lagoon sewage spills blamed on rain

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

#### Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting

Wednesday – November 3 0 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting Greet New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference

#### <u>Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting</u>

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association

#### Florida Rural Economic Development Summit

December 7-9, 2022 - Renaissance World Golf Village Resort in St. Augustine Registration for Summit

#### On the Docket

#### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2022

- FIU TRUSTEES: The Florida International University Board of Trustees will meet after holding a series of committee meetings. (Thursday, committees start at 8:30 a.m., with full board at 2 p.m., Florida International University, Graham University Center, 11200 S.W. Eighth St., Miami.)
- UNF TRUSTEES: The University of North Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., University of North Florida, Thomas G. Carpenter Library, Jacksonville.)
- TRIUMPH GULF COAST BOARD: The Triumph Gulf Coast Board of Directors, which oversees settlement money from the Deepwater Horizon disaster, will meet. The agenda includes a \$21.8 million proposal to expand a nursing program at Northwest Florida State College. (Thursday, 10:30 a.m. Central time, Santa Rosa County school district board room, 5086 Canal St., Milton.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- DAYTONA STATE TRUSTEES: The Daytona State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by a regular board meeting. (Thursday, workshop at 1 p.m., board meeting at 2 p.m., Daytona State College, 1200 West International Speedway Blvd., Daytona Beach.)

- DRUG UTILIZATION BOARD: The Medicaid Drug Utilization Review Board will meet.
   (Thursday, 1:30
   p.m. <a href="https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/92239065373?pwd=WmRQVDY3NkRCczdXVWFzdlJLM1k0UT09">https://magellanhealth.zoom.us/j/92239065373?pwd=WmRQVDY3NkRCczdXVWFzdlJLM1k0UT09</a>. Webinar ID: 92239065373)
- FAMU TRUSTEES: The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 2 p.m. <a href="https://famu.zoom.us/j/99096690626?pwd=TnBYVjRDWW5saU93ZDNqa3VYQXh6Zz09">https://famu.zoom.us/j/99096690626?pwd=TnBYVjRDWW5saU93ZDNqa3VYQXh6Zz09</a>. Webinar ID: 99096690626. Code: 671328. Call-in number: 1-929-205-6099)
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. (Thursday, 2:30 p.m., Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.)
- WATER BOARD BUDGET: Northwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will hold a hearing in Bay County about a proposed budget and millage rate for the 2022-2023 fiscal year. (Thursday, 5:05 p.m., Gulf Coast State College, Student Union East, 5230 West Highway 98, Panama City.)
- NORTH CENTRAL PLANNING COUNCIL: The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. (Thursday, 7 p.m., Holiday Inn Hotel and Suites, 213 Southwest Commerce Blvd., Lake City.https://meet.goto.com/335033677. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 335033677)

#### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2022

- FSDB BOARD: The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet after holding committee meetings. (Friday, committees start at 8:30 a.m., with full board at 11 a.m., Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.)
- WORKERS' COMP RATES: The Florida Office of Insurance Regulation will hold a hearing on a proposal by the National Council on Compensation Insurance to reduce workers' compensation insurance rates by an average of 8.4 percent in 2023. (Friday, 9 a.m. <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6844862729912718093">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6844862729912718093</a>. Call-in number: 1-866-901-6455. Code: 834395235)
- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet. (Friday, 9 a.m., Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando.)
- DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES: The Florida Developmental Disabilities Council will meet. (Friday, 9:30 a.m., Florida Hotel and Conference Center, 1500 Sand Lake Road, Orlando.)
- LONG-TERM REVENUE ANALYZED: The Revenue Estimating Conference will analyze long-term revenue. (Friday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- FSU TRUSTEES: The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, 11 a.m., Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)
- HUNGER ISSUES: Agriculture Commissioner Nikki Fried is slated to take part in a "statewide hunger call" to address efforts aimed at ending hunger. (Friday, 11 a.m. https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8708912071019307792)
- MAST RAISES MONEY: A fundraising reception is scheduled to be held for U.S. Rep. Brian Mast, R-Fla. (Friday, 5 p.m., Harry and the Natives, 11910 S.E. Federal Highway, Hobe Sound.)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: Statewide candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Sept. 16.

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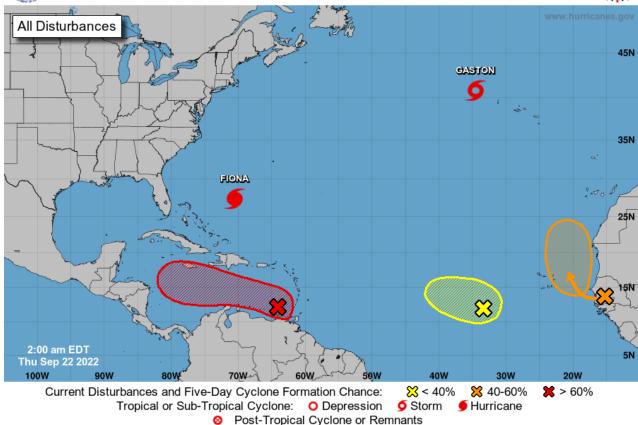
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## **Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

National Hurricane Center Miami, Florida





## About the Briefing!

The Briefing is compiled <u>2-3 times a week</u> 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 – <u>Cdoolin@DoolinandAssoc.com</u>

#### **Website Links**

<u>Small County Coalition Website</u> Small School District Council Consortium Website