



## ***The Briefing –Tuesday – October 25 –2022***

*The last Briefing was Monday – October 24 – 2022*

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*[Link to Week 9 of NCAA Football Games](#)*

### ***Important Workforce Webinar – Thursday***

***Local Elected Officials Invited to CareerSource Webinar focused on Realignment of Workforce Board Alignment Evaluation CLEOs Webinar on Thursday - Oct. 27 from 1-2:30 p.m. ET.***

*“How existing Workforce Boards are aligned is a big deal to rural counties and small county officials! Rural areas need to be acknowledged for local differences and workforce needs. This webinar is an opportunity for rural officials to express any concerns that they wish to have considered. I encourage your participation!”*

*Statement by Commissioner Terry Burroughs, Okeechobee County  
Chairman – Small County Coalition*

CareerSource Florida is currently engaged in processes to implement the **Reimagining Education and Career Help (REACH) Act**, a state law that took effect July 1, 2021. The legislation is aimed at strengthening access, alignment, and accountability of Florida’s comprehensive workforce development ecosystem. The law takes an integrated, customer-focused approach to align workforce, education, and support services that are the backbone of the state’s workforce talent pipeline. CareerSource Florida is engaging Chief Local Elected Officials to provide guidance and accountability to drive strategies and investments that respond to local workforce needs. **One of the directives in the REACH Act is to reduce the number of local workforce development boards.** CareerSource Florida is working with the Governor’s REACH Office to evaluate the alignment of Florida’s 24 local workforce development boards and identify options for consolidation to be considered by the CareerSource Florida Board of Directors, Governor Ron DeSantis and local leaders. Under the law, changes to the current alignment of local workforce development boards are intended to help maximize resources for direct services to job seekers, workers, and businesses as multiple layers of administration are eliminated to improve coordination, consistency, accountability and funding flexibility. The goal is for continuous improvement of the CareerSource Florida network that maintains or enhances high-quality employment and training services in every community.

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Visit the CareerSource Florida REACH Act Implementation webpage for the latest updates and information:

[www.careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/reach-act](http://www.careersourceflorida.com/boardroom/reach-act)

## **National Assessment Results Released**

### **Florida Students Achieve Highest Rankings Ever on National Assessments**

The results of the 2022 [National Assessment of Educational Progress](#) (NAEP) have been released. In 2022, Florida's 4th and 8th grade students earned the state's highest ever rankings in each assessment and demonstrated historic achievement gap closure for at-risk students at all levels. Florida's Hispanic students, black students, and students with disabilities all scored in the top 10 in every category.

Although scores across the country fell, it appears clear that Florida students benefitted from in school instruction throughout the pandemic. Here's an overview of the results in Florida:

- 4th grade students rank #3 in Reading and #4 in Math, achieving top 4 in both English and Math for the first time in state history.
- Florida is in the top 5 for average scale scores of **Hispanic students** across all grades and subjects
- Florida is in the top 5 for average scale scores of **students with disabilities** across all grades and subjects
- Florida is in the top 10 for average scale scores of **black students** across all grades and subjects
- **Students on Free and Reduced Lunch** are ranked in the top 10 for average scale scores in three of four tests and improved massively on the fourth:
- Florida boasts the narrowest achievement gap between **students with disabilities** and **students without disabilities** in all grades and subjects.
- Florida's achievement gap between **Hispanic** and **white** students is the narrowest in the nation in Grade 8 Reading.
- All of Florida's subgroups significantly outperformed their national peers in Grade 4 Reading.

### **Grade and subject highlights include:**

- Grade 4 Reading - 3rd in the nation in average scale score — up from 6th in 2019
- Grade 4 Mathematics - Fourth in the nation in average scale score.
- Grade 8 Reading - 21st in the nation in average scale score, up from 22nd in 2019.
- Grade 8 Mathematics - 32nd in the nation in average scale score, up from 35th in 2019.

For more information about Florida's 2022 NAEP results, visit [NAEP Results](#) or [The Nations Report Card](#)

### **NAEP Background**

NAEP is a congressionally mandated program that is overseen and administered by the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), within the U.S. Department of Education and the Institute of Education Sciences. Results are available for the nation, states, and 27 urban districts, and are used to provide critical information about student achievement and data for improving educational practices. The current NAEP assessments were scheduled for 2021 but were postponed one year due to the pandemic. The next NAEP results will be reported in 2024.

## **Headlines Around the State**

*Democrat: Five takeaways from Florida governor race debate between Ron DeSantis and Charlie Crist*

*Herald: COVID, abortion, Parkland and 2024: 4 key moments from the Florida governor debate*

*WUSF: Judge blocks subpoenas seeking testimony from DeSantis aides in migrant flight case*

*WSJ: Florida's DeSantis Poised to Send More Migrants North in Border-Policy Protest*

*NBC Miami: Marco Rubio Says Supporter Attacked While Canvassing for Him in Hialeah*

*ABC News: Trump decries DeSantis' move to support Colorado Senate candidate Joe O'Dea*

*Democrat: A U.S. House race of polar opposites: Lawson, Dunn debate if poverty or China is the problem*

*Sentinel: Mail voting nears 1.2 million in Florida with more than two weeks to midterm elections*

*FlaPol: As early voting begins, Florida Democrats hold slight lead in mail ballots*

*The Capitolist: Report: Nearly half a million claims have been filed following Hurricane Ian*

*CBS Miami: More questioning sought of Trump aide in Mar-a-Lago probe*

*Sentinel: Trump asks Supreme Court to take up Florida tech law dispute*

*NBC Miami: 'Fall Back' in Florida: What You Need to Know Before Daylight Saving Time Ends*

*WUSF: Florida reports lower COVID case count while passing 82,000 deaths*

*Sun-Sentinel: Florida records 20,055 new COVID-19 cases, 515 deaths ahead of projected winter surge, new variants*

*FlaPol: Florida fourth- and eighth-graders test scores vault state's ranking nationally*

*WUSF: Hurricane Hunters: how they protect Florida and others around the world*

*The Capitolist: Florida gas prices down six cents since last week*

*FlaPol: The Southern Group opens Broward County office, brings on Heidi Richards*

*News4Jax: Gov. DeSantis, Charlie Crist go head-to-head on pressing issues in first, only debate before midterm election*

*WUSF: Gov. DeSantis won't directly say he'll serve full 2nd term*

*NBC Miami: DeSantis Defends COVID Response, Stance on Cultural Issues in Only Debate With Crist*

*My News 13: Gov. DeSantis, challenger Crist spar on inflation, education*

*FlaPol: Charlie Crist surrogates preach GOTV gospel at 'Revive the Vote' events*

*TCPalm: Crist, DeSantis spar before a rowdy Fort Pierce crowd at Florida's only gubernatorial debate*

*Politico: University of Florida bans indoor protesters from upcoming Sasse vote*

*News4Jax: UF won't allow protests inside campus buildings after Sen. Sasse hiring forum drew large, chanting crowd*

*FlaPol: Senate Democrats announce bus tour through frontline districts*

*FlaPol: Democrats hit Corey Simon for community no-shows, defend controversial mailer*

*Times: Janet Cruz heads for tight Senate race against governor-endorsed Jay Collins*

*Sun-Sentinel: As Broward superintendent's job is in jeopardy, top lawyer's fate is also uncertain*

*Sun-Sentinel: This year's Florida Python Challenge winner wrangled 28 snakes. Here's how the teen did it.*

*The Capitolist: Florida Chamber of Commerce discusses poverty reduction at annual forum*

*Sun: UF honors Black pioneers from past and present in celebrating 60 years of integration*

*The Capitolist: Pair of National Science Foundation grants to help fund FIU STEM scholarships*

*Sentinel: Central Florida gets federal aid to help homeless youths, people who lost homes in Hurricane Ian*

*On the Docket*

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2022**

- **EARLY VOTING:** Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election will expand Tuesday to Sumter County after starting Monday in 37 counties. All counties are required to offer early voting from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5 but have the option to start earlier.
- **'FUTURE OF FLORIDA' EVENT CONTINUES:** The Florida Chamber of Commerce will continue its two-day "Future of Florida" event. Tuesday speakers are expected to include Space Florida President and CEO Frank DiBello. (Tuesday, event starts at 8 a.m., Disney's Coronado Springs Resort, 1000 West Buena Vista Dr., Lake Buena Vista.)
- **REHABILITATION COUNCIL:** The Florida Rehabilitation Council is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 8 a.m., Embassy Suites by Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore, 555 North Westshore Blvd., Tampa.)
- **GAS RATES:** The state Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a hearing on a proposal by Florida Public Utilities Co. to raise natural-gas rates. (Tuesday, internal affairs meeting starts at 9:30 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- **LABOR MARKET:** The state Labor Market Estimating Conference will discuss the labor market. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- **ALZHEIMER'S:** The state Alzheimer's Disease Advisory Committee will meet. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., Florida Department of Elder Affairs, 4040 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83350194935?pwd=dXJuRlJhdzJkRTlhaXIzcG05RTBVU09>. Meeting ID: 83350194935. Code: 078489)
- **BROWARD COLLEGE TRUSTEES:** The Broward College Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 1 p.m., Broward College, North Campus, 1000 Coconut Creek Blvd., Coconut Creek.)
- **SUICIDE DETERRENCE:** The Florida 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://meet.goto.com/993962893>. Call-in number: 1-408-650-3123. Code: 993962893)
- **MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD:** The Board of Trustees of the State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota is scheduled to meet. (Tuesday, 5:30 p.m., State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.)

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2022**

- **EARLY VOTING:** Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election will expand Wednesday to Hernando, Martin, Nassau, Pasco, St. Johns and Volusia counties. All counties are required to offer early voting from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5 but have the option to start earlier.
- **CITRUS ISSUES:** The Florida Citrus Commission will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Citrus, 605 East Main St., Bartow.)
- **PAROLE CASES:** The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165)
- **INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL:** The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- **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)

- ‘CAT FUND’: The Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund Advisory Council will meet. (Wednesday, 1:30 p.m., 1801 Hermitage Blvd., Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 973664296)
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD: The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 4 p.m., Hillsborough Community College, Dr. Gwendolyn W. Stephenson District Administration Center, 39 Columbia Dr., Tampa.)

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2022**

- EARLY VOTING: Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election will expand Thursday to Baker, Collier, Dixie, Hardee, Highlands and Marion counties. All counties are required to offer early voting from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5 but have the option to start earlier.
- COUNCIL FOR BLIND: The Florida Rehabilitation Council for the Blind will meet in Miami-Dade County. (Thursday, 8 a.m., Hilton Miami Airport Blue Lagoon, 5101 Blue Lagoon Dr., Miami. Call-in number: 850-583-5063. Code: 90918709)
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., Florida Department of Health, 4052 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 481124352)
- INDEPENDENT EDUCATION PANEL: The Florida Commission for Independent Education will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Orlando Marriott Lake Mary, 1501 International Parkway, Lake Mary.)
- MASSAGE THERAPY: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Crowne Plaza Orlando Downtown, 304 West Colonial Dr., Orlando.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)
- FAMU TRUSTEES: The Florida A&M University Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. (Thursday, 4 p.m. <https://famu.zoom.us/j/99131586850?pwd=NGZUK2lkQTBwb09oVzdVWTFwcjJ4UT09>, Webinar ID: 99131586850. Code: 997708. Call-in number: 1-301-715-8592)
- 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/704529541>. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 704529541)

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2022**

- EARLY VOTING: Early voting in the Nov. 8 general election will expand Friday to Citrus, Clay and Jackson counties. All counties are required to offer early voting from Oct. 29 to Nov. 5 but have the option to start earlier.
- TRANSGENDER TREATMENTS: A joint committee of the Florida Board of Medicine and the Florida Board of Osteopathic Medicine will discuss a draft rule that could restrict doctors from providing treatments to transgender people under age 18. The meeting will come after the Florida Department of Health in July filed a petition seeking a rule-making process on the contentious issue of treatment for gender dysphoria. The petition proposed what is known as a “standard of care” that would prohibit patients under age 18 from receiving sex-reassignment surgery and puberty-blocking, hormone and hormone “antagonist” treatments. It also would require that older patients sign a consent form and then wait 24 hours before starting such treatments. (Friday, 8 a.m., Hyatt Regency Orlando International Airport, 9300 Jeff Fuqua Blvd., Orlando.)
- PSYCHOLOGY BOARD: The Florida Board of Psychology will meet. (Friday, 8 a.m. Call-in number: 1-888-585-9008. Code: 564341766)

- **HOUSING ISSUES:** The Florida Housing Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., AC Hotel Tallahassee Universities at the Capitol, 801 South Gadsden St., Tallahassee.)
- **NURSING HOME ADMINISTRATORS:** The Florida Board of Nursing Home Administrators will meet in Hillsborough County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Embassy Suites, 3705 Spectrum Blvd., Tampa.)
- **MASSAGE THERAPY:** The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Crowne Plaza Orlando Downtown, 304 West Colonial Dr., Orlando.)
- **ARCHITECTURE, DESIGN ISSUES:** The Board of Architecture and Interior Design is scheduled to meet in Sarasota County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hyatt Regency Sarasota, 1000 Boulevard of the Arts, Sarasota.)
- **FSDB TRUSTEES MEET:** The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. (Friday, 9:15 a.m., Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.)

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2022**

- **STATEWIDE EARLY VOTING AVAILABLE:** All counties will be required to offer early voting as of Oct. 29 for the Nov. 8 general election.

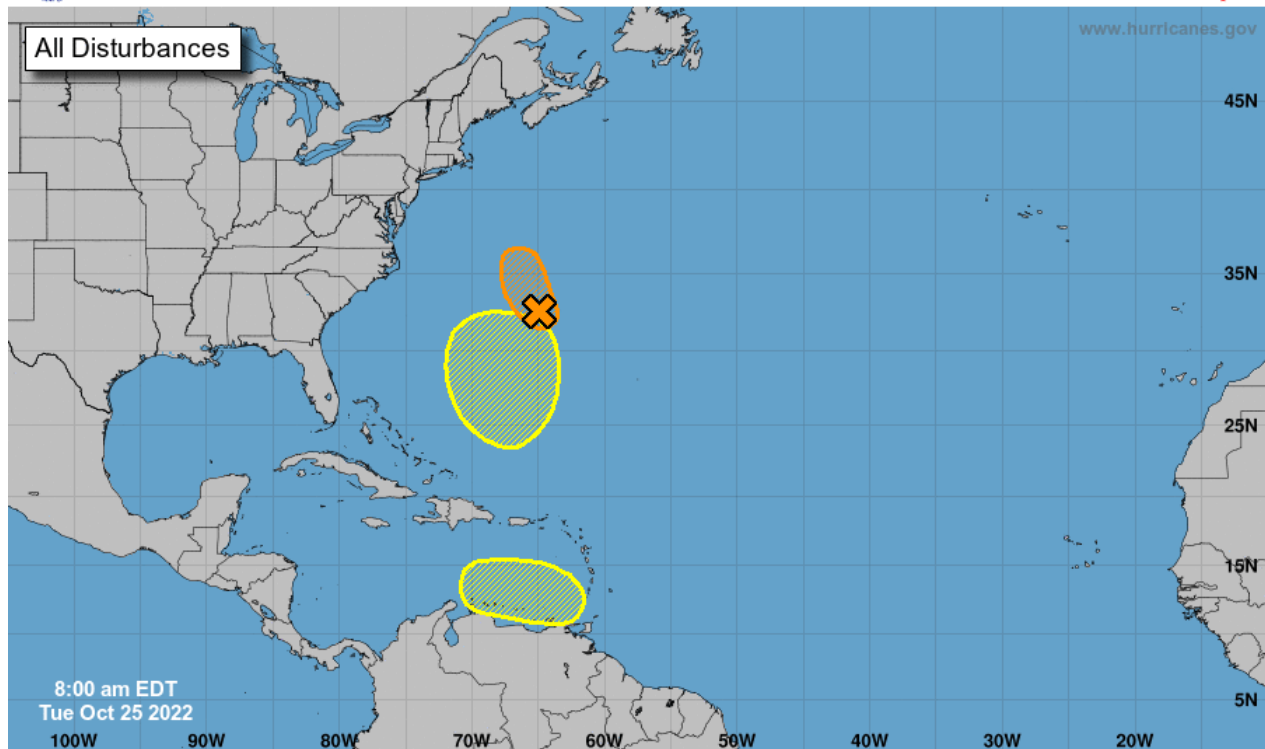
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**Five-Day Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook**

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

**Important Meetings Scheduled To Focus on Rural/Small County Issues**

**Small County Coalition Fall Breakfast Meeting**

**For County Commissioners and Staff**

Wednesday – November 30 - St. Pete – Coinciding with the FAC Winter Meeting  
Major Actions –

Welcome New Commissioners and Adopt Legislative Program  
[Registration for FAC Legislative Annual Conference](#)

**Small School District Council Consortium - Breakfast Meeting**  
**For School Board members and Superintendents**

Thursday – December 1 – Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay -Coinciding with the FSBA Winter Meeting  
Major Actions

Greet New School Board Members and Adopt Legislative Program  
[FSBA/FADSS 77th Annual Joint Conference – Florida School Boards Association](#)

**Annual Florida Rural Economic Development Summit**

**Major Focus – Advancing Economic Development in rural communities**

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

[Registration for Summit](#)  
[Tentative Agenda for Summit](#)

**Important Broadband Summit – January 26 and 27th**

**Open for participating entities**

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***About the Briefing!***

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The Briefing is compiled **2-3 times a week** to provide information to elected officials and staff in counties that are members of the Small County Coalition and the Small School District Council Consortium. It is also sent to Professional Colleagues and Associates. For Questions Email – [doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com](mailto:doolin@DoolinandAssoc.com)

***Website Links***

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