



The Briefing –Wednesday – October 19 –2022

The last Briefing was Tuesday – October 18– 2022

How's your weather - <https://weather.com/>

[Link to Week 8 of NCAA Football Games](#)

The Quick

Board of Ed to Take Up New School Rules

The state [Board of Education is scheduled today](#) to take up several of the changes to what and how schools can teach. Among the changes up for discussion are those requiring notice if students use bathrooms or locker rooms different from their at-birth gender, allowing parents to review certain education records, and prohibiting the teaching of certain ideas sometimes known as Critical Race Theory, including the idea that people bear responsibility for the actions of their race as a whole. Also up for consideration is [a proposed rule that would set out disciplinary action](#) for teachers who teach about sexual orientation or gender identity to students below grade 3. A proposed rule would punish that infraction by revoking a teacher's license. [BOE Agenda](#)

DEO Broadband Grants Program - Technical Assistance Webinars

Statewide Technical Assistance Webinar

Date: October 20, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The Office of Broadband is hosting a Statewide Technical Assistance Webinar on October 20, 2022. This webinar will provide information regarding the Broadband Opportunity Program's timeline, application, funding, eligibility, and more. This webinar is open to anyone interested in learning more about the program.

30 Day Application Period to Open November 2nd

The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is preparing to open the application window for the Broadband Opportunity Program, a \$400 million grant program created to expand broadband Internet service in unserved areas of the state. On September 28, 2022, DEO's Office of Broadband submitted its notice of proposed rulemaking to the Florida Administrative Register and commenced the 30-day online posting of application and scoring materials required in Section 288.9962, F.S., on www.FloridaJobs.org/Broadband.

Beginning on November 2, 2022, the 30-day application window for the Broadband Opportunity Program will open. The last day to submit a grant application will be at 5:00 PM Eastern Standard Time (EST) on December 2, 2022.

DEO's Office of Broadband will host a second technical assistance webinar for the Broadband Opportunity Program ahead of the application window opening on November 2nd:

Rural Technical Assistance Webinar

Date: November 1, 2022

Time: 10:00 a.m., Eastern Time

The Office of Broadband is hosting a Rural Technical Assistance Webinar on November 1, 2022. This webinar will provide a focus on rural communities and Local Technology Planning Teams (LTPTs). The webinar is an opportunity to answer widely asked questions and concerns regarding the Grant Program and is designed to address the specific concerns of rural communities. The Office of Broadband will be further discussing the Broadband Opportunity Program's timeline, application, funding, eligibility for applicants, and more.

Headlines Around the State

CBS Miami: So, who won? Val Demings & Marco Rubio face off in heated debate

Post: Rubio, Demings trade barbs as they disagree on economy, abortion, guns — and post offices

Politico: Rubio and Demings clash over abortion in lone Florida Senate debate

NBC Miami: Rubio and Demings Clash on Abortion, Gun Control and More in Only Florida US Senate Debate

Democrat: Five takeaways from U.S. Senate debate between Sen. Marco Rubio, Rep. Val Demings

Post: Senate debate: From the spin room, Marco Rubio and Val Demings surrogates claim victory

Bradenton Herald: Demings out-raises and outspends Rubio but still trails in Florida's US Senate race

FlaPol: New Marco Rubio ads spotlight grateful Floridians

Politico: Florida Democrat targeted by DeSantis struggles to stay in Congress

City & State FL: Neal Dunn, Al Lawson divided on the issues in congressional candidate forum

FlaPol: Neal Dunn, Al Lawson debate who should continue representing North Florida

The Floridian: Rick Scott Commends the Passage of the 'Supporting Families of the Fallen Act'

FlaPol: Carlos Giménez outraises Democratic challenger for CD 28 by threefold

WUSF: Florida's agriculture industry could take a \$1.56 billion hit after Hurricane Ian

Sun-Sentinel: Why Florida's stone crab claw prices are so astronomical at start of 2022-23 season

WUSF: The first freeze of the season expected tonight for parts of Florida

WUSF: A Florida climate scientist says hurricanes are intensifying and becoming more frequent

My News 13: DeSantis seeks federal aid for Florida fishing industry

News-Press: DeSantis hand delivers \$1,000 checks to Sanibel and Captiva first responders on Tuesday

Post: Charlie Crist speaks in West Palm Beach about housing affordability and property insurance

Herald: DeSantis appointed more donors to political posts in first term than Rick Scott

Times: Judge mulls the possibilities of DeSantis not testifying in Warren lawsuit

FlaPol: Christina Pushaw to be deposed in Andrew Warren suspension hearing

Democrat: Florida Amendment 2 would abolish the Constitution Revision Commission

Democrat: Florida Amendment 1 would give a tax break on assessments for climate change, flooding

Democrat: Florida Amendment 3 would increase homestead exemptions for teachers, first responders

My News 13: State report reveals 12 injuries, medical emergencies at Florida theme parks

The Capitolist: Duval County Public Schools to offer free telehealth services to students

On the Docket

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2022

- EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA: The State Board of Education will meet in Orange County. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.)
- MENTAL HEALTH, SUBSTANCE ABUSE: The state Commission on Mental Health and Substance Abuse is scheduled to meet. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., Information at <https://www.myflfamilies.com/>)
- SOUTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD: The South Florida State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Wednesday, 1 p.m., South Florida State College, Highlands Campus, 600 West College Dr., Avon Park.)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2022

- UCF TRUSTEES: The University of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 8:30 a.m., University of Central Florida, Millican Hall, Orlando.)
- EDUCATION ISSUES ON AGENDA: The State Board of Education will meet in Orange County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Caribe Royale, 8101 World Center Dr., Orlando.)
- HEALTH KIDS PROGRAM AT ISSUE: The Florida Healthy Kids Corp. Board of Directors will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Call-in number: 850-792-4925. Code: 422130256)
- BOATING PANEL: The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Thursday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- DEFENSE ISSUES: The Florida Defense Support Task Force will meet. (Thursday, 9 a.m. Information at <https://www.enterpriseflorida.com/event/florida-defense-support-task-force-fdstf-meeting-108-via-zoom/>)
- RETIREMENT SYSTEM : The Florida Retirement System Actuarial Assumption Conference will analyze issues in the state retirement system. (Thursday, 10 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION: The Florida Commission on Human Relations will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Florida Commission on Human Relations, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)
- GULF COAST TRUSTEES: The Gulf Coast State College Board of Trustees will meet. (Thursday, 10 a.m., Gulf Coast State College, Robert L. McSpadden Student Union West, Panama City.)
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS: The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions. (Thursday, 11 a.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2022

- ETHICS CASES: The Florida Commission on Ethics will meet. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., 1st District Court of Appeal, 2000 Drayton Dr., Tallahassee.)

- COLLEGE PRESIDENTS: The Council of Presidents of the Florida college system will meet in Orange County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Valencia College, West Campus, 1800 South Kirkman Road, Orlando.)
- BOATING PANEL: The state Boating Advisory Council is scheduled to meet in Pinellas County. (Friday, 9 a.m., Hampton Inn & Suites/Downtown St. Petersburg, 80 Beach Dr., N.E., St. Petersburg.)
- JOBLESS NUMBERS: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity will release a September unemployment report. (Friday, 10 a.m.)
- SOLID WASTE ISSUES: The Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council and the South Florida Regional Planning Council will hold a conference to discuss solid-waste management issues. (Friday, 10 a.m., Florida Atlantic University, Student Union, 1995 Dade Ave., Boca Raton.)
- MASSAGE THERAPY BOARD: The Florida Board of Massage Therapy will meet. (Friday, 2 p.m. <https://www.gotomeet.me/FL-BOMT/conference-calls>. Call-in number: 1-877- 309-2073. Code: 985532741)
- FINANCE REPORTS DUE: Statewide candidates and political committees face a Friday deadline for filing reports showing finance activity through Oct. 14.

Tropical Outlook

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

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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[Registration for BROADBAND SUMMIT](#)

Sawgrass Marriott – St. Johns County

About the Briefing!

The Briefing is prepared almost daily by Chris Doolin cdoolin@doolinandassoc.com

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

Website Links

[Small County Coalition Website](#)

[Small School District Council Consortium Website](#)

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