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ACTION ON THE BUDGET? NOT YET! **PROBABLY AFTER MEMORIAL DAY! POSSIBLY LATER!**

It is not expected that Gov. Ron DeSantis will sign the budget, and veto some pieces, this week at the very least. The governor is unlikely to act before Memorial Day and possibly not until early June. Last year, DeSantis didn't sign the budget until June 15th.

School safety dashboard helps parents and teachers address root causes of bullying, fighting

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Florida updated its [school safety dashboard](#) in April 2024.

Parents can use the Safe Schools dashboard to compare safety metrics in their child's school with district and state averages as well as with other similar schools. The dashboard includes all public K-12 schools in Florida and over 50 indicators of school safety – ranging from fights and weapons to school bus crashes. Parents can also see information on school responses and resources, such as whether school staff are trained in suicide prevention and the ratio of counselors to students.

Access to this data lets parents and parent-teacher associations know what questions to ask of their teachers and school leaders to help them contribute to school improvement plans. It can also help parents better support their own children at home by talking about and addressing issues they see in the dashboard. For example, parents might talk to their kids about bullying or hazing, using the statistics in the dashboard.

With numerous measures of school safety at their fingertips, parents can look for the indicators that meet the needs of their individual child. For example, a parent with a child dealing with anxiety or depression might compare the mental health resources available at different schools.

SUMMER MEETINGS COMING UP

- **June 5 – 7** – Florida School Boards Association/FADSS Summer Meeting
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - [Tentative Conference Agenda](#)
- **JUNE 6, 2024** - FSBA Small District Council and the Small School District Council Consortium
7:30-8:30am - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay - Skylark Room – 14th Floor
- **June 25 – 28** – the Florida Association of Counties Summer Business Meeting
Bonnet Creek Orlando - <https://www.fl-counties.com/event-directory/2024-annual-conference-exhibition/>
- **June 26th** - the Small County Coalition Annual Organizational Meeting
Wednesday – June 26th - 7:00am-8:30am - Signia Hilton Bonnet Creek Orlando

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On The Docket

TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2024

- MIAMI DADE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 8 a.m. The Miami Dade College Board of Trustees will meet. Miami Dade College, North Campus, 11380 N.W. 27th Ave., Miami. <https://www.mdc.edu/livestream>
- REAL ESTATE ISSUES - Tuesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Commission is scheduled to meet. Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/603461895294460508>
- SOUTHWEST WATER BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet. Southwest Florida Water Management District, 2379 Broad St., Brooksville.

- ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 9 a.m. The St. Petersburg College Board of Trustees will meet. EpiCenter, 13805 58th St. North, Clearwater.
- UTILITY ISSUES - Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an internal-affairs meeting, followed by a workshop about utility hurricane preparedness and a hearing about Duke Energy Florida's costs from a series of past storms. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.
- FSU-ACC FIGHT - Tuesday, 9:45 a.m. Leon County Circuit Judge John Cooper will hold a case-management conference in a lawsuit that Florida State University filed against the Atlantic Coast Conference. The lawsuit could lead to FSU leaving the conference. Call-in number: 1-786-635-1003. Meeting ID: 98298249883. Code: 315004
- PASCO-HERNANDO COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, noon. The Pasco-Hernando State College Board of Trustees will meet. Pasco-Hernando State College, Spring Hill Campus, 450 Beverly Court, Spring Hill.
- PSC HOLDS EVENT FOR SENIORS - Tuesday, noon. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. North Brevard Senior Center, 909 Lane Ave., Titusville.
- COLLEGE PRESIDENT ON AGENDA - Tuesday, 12:30 p.m. The Northwest Florida State College Board of Trustees will hold a special meeting to discuss a presidential search and consider a recommendation to appoint Henry Mack as interim president. The college is seeking a replacement for Devin Stephenson, who was named last month as president at Florida Polytechnic University. Mack, a former senior chancellor at the state Department of Education, is vice president for academic affairs at Northwest Florida State College. After the special meeting, the board will hold a budget workshop and a regular meeting. Northwest Florida State College, Student Services Center, 100 College Blvd. Niceville.
- BLACK HISTORY MUSEUM - Tuesday, 1 p.m. The Florida Museum of Black History Task Force will meet. R.A. Gray Building, 500 South Bronough St., Tallahassee. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5525566437617895776>. Webinar ID: 479791619
- KEY WEST COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The Board of Trustees of The College of the Florida Keys will meet. The College of the Florida Keys, 5901 College Road, Key West.
- DIABETES ISSUES - Tuesday, 2 p.m. The state Diabetes Advisory Council will meet. Call-in number: 850-792-1375. Code: 930484235
- SANTA FE COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Santa Fe College Board of Trustees will meet. Santa Fe College, Northwest Campus, 3000 N.W. 83rd St., Gainesville.
- PALM BEACH COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 4 p.m. The Palm Beach State College Board of Trustees will meet. Palm Beach State College, Loxahatchee Groves Campus, 15845 Southern Blvd., Loxahatchee.
- PENSACOLA STATE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 4:30 p.m. The Pensacola State College Board of Trustees will hold a workshop, followed by committee meetings and a full board meeting. Pensacola State College, 1000 College Blvd., Pensacola.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about planned changes at the interchange of Interstate 10 and U.S. 129 in Suwannee County. www.nflroads.com/vph
- NORTH FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The North Florida College Board of Trustees will meet. North Florida College, board room, 325 N.W. Turner Davis Dr., Madison.

- MANATEE-SARASOTA COLLEGE BOARD - Tuesday, 5:30 p.m. The Board of Trustees of State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota will meet. State College of Florida, Manatee Sarasota, Bradenton Campus, 5840 26th St. West, Bradenton.
- CHIPOLA COLLEGE TRUSTEES - Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. The Chipola College Board of Trustees is scheduled to meet. Chipola College, Public Service Building, Marianna.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22, 2024

- REAL ESTATE ISSUES - Wednesday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida Real Estate Commission is scheduled to meet. Zora Neale Hurston Building, North Tower, Suite N901, 400 West Robinson St., Orlando. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/603461895294460508>
- PAROLE CASES - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Commission on Offender Review will meet. Betty Easley Conference Center, 4075 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 1-877-309-2073. Code: 337350165
- OPTOMETRY ISSUES EYED - Wednesday, 9 a.m. The Florida Board of Optometry will meet. <https://meet.goto.com/502129029>
- UNEMPLOYMENT CASES - Wednesday, 9:30 a.m. The state Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission will meet. Reemployment Assistance Appeals Commission, 1211 Governors Square Blvd., Suite 300, Tallahassee. Call-in number: 850-988-5144. Code: 261180880
- REVENUE ESTIMATING CONFERENCE - Wednesday, 10 a.m. The state Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss what are known as measures affecting revenue. 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.
- PSC HOLDS EVENT FOR SENIORS - Wednesday, 11 a.m. The Florida Public Service Commission will hold an event for seniors to discuss issues such as energy conservation and avoiding scams that target utility customers. Martin Andersen Senior Center, 1025 South Florida Ave., Rockledge.
- DEVELOPMENT FINANCE BOARD - Wednesday, 2 p.m. The Florida Development Finance Corp. Board of Directors will meet. Florida Development Finance Corp., 156 Tuskawilla Road, Suite 2340, Winter Springs. <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85854883285?pwd=7pZxtUKtK6G> VZDMedSfSttFDNUWg dv.1. Meeting ID: 85854883285 Code: 554523. Call-in number: 1-646-558-8656
- DRUG POLICY PANEL - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The Statewide Drug Policy Advisory Council will meet. Florida Department of Health, 4042 Bald Cypress Way, Tallahassee.
- CENTRAL FLORIDA COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 3 p.m. The College of Central Florida Board of Trustees will meet. College of Central Florida, Founders Hall, 3001 S.W. College Road, Ocala.
- HILLSBOROUGH COLLEGE BOARD - Wednesday, 4 p.m. The Hillsborough Community College Board of Trustees will meet. Hillsborough Community College, South Shore Campus, 551 24th St. N.E., Ruskin.
- I-95 INTERCHANGE - Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about plans for a project at Interstate 95 and U.S. 1 in Volusia County. The Chapel, 1805 U.S. 1, Ormond Beach.
- COMMUTER RAIL - Wednesday, 6 p.m. Broward County Transit and the Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about a proposal to extend commuter rail from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to southern Fort Lauderdale. Hollywood City Hall, 2600 Hollywood Blvd., Hollywood.

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024

- FSDB TRUSTEES - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind Board of Trustees will meet. Florida School for the Deaf and the Blind, Moore Hall, 207 San Marco Ave., St. Augustine.
- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Thursday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- RENNER SPEAKS AT CHAMBER EVENT - Thursday, 9 a.m. The Florida Chamber Foundation will hold the “Florida Prosperity & Economic Opportunity Solution Summit,” with speakers expected to include House Speaker Paul Renner, R-Palm Coast. Fort Lauderdale Marriott Coral Springs Hotel & Convention Center, 11775 Heron Bay Blvd., Coral Springs.
- SUPREME COURT RELEASES OPINIONS - Thursday, 11 a.m. The Florida Supreme Court is scheduled to release its weekly opinions.
- I-10 INTERCHANGE - Thursday, 4:30 p.m. The Florida Department of Transportation will hold a meeting about planned changes at the interchange of Interstate 10 and U.S. 129 in Suwannee County. Live Oak City Hall, 101 S.E. White Ave., Live Oak.
- COMMUTER RAIL - Thursday, 6 p.m. Broward County Transit and the Florida Department of Transportation will hold an online meeting about a proposal to extend commuter rail from the Aventura Station in Miami-Dade County to southern Fort Lauderdale. <https://bit.ly/BCRSouth-PublicMtg>. Call-in number: 1-562-247-8422. Code: 153015917
- NORTH CENTRAL COUNCIL - Thursday, 7 p.m. The North Central Florida Regional Planning Council will meet. Drury Inn and Suites, 4000 S.W. 40th Blvd., Gainesville. Call-in number: 1-866-899-4679. Code: 408138813

FRIDAY, MAY 24, 2024

- SOCIAL WORK BOARD - Friday, 8:30 a.m. The Board of Clinical Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy and Mental Health Counseling will meet. Doubletree by Hilton Orlando Downtown, 60 South Ivanhoe Blvd., Orlando.
- BROWARD LAWMAKERS DISCUSS SESSION - Friday, 1 p.m. Broward County lawmakers are expected to take part in a discussion about the 2024 legislative session. Florida Atlantic University, Davie Campus, 3200 College Ave., Davie.

SATURDAY, MAY 25, 2024

- NOEM SPEAKS IN BREVARD - Saturday, 7:30 p.m. South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem is scheduled to speak during the Brevard County Republican Party’s Lincoln Reagan Dinner. Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Blvd., Cape Canaveral.

About the Briefing!

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