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MEMORANDUM

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TO: School Board Members
District School Superintendents

FROM: Carol Cook, Chair, FSBA Legislative Committee
April Griffin, Vice Chair, FSBA Legislative Committee
Wayne Blanton, Executive Director
Ruth Melton, Director of Government Relations

SUBJECT: Selection of School Board Legislative Liaison

In order to encourage equal representation of all school boards in our legislative efforts, the FSBA Bylaws call for each school board to annually designate a school board member, and an alternate, to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. These "Legislative Liaisons" serve as the key architects of the FSBA Legislative Platform and as essential advocates in our local, state, and federal lobbying efforts. Because they are charged with such important duties, Legislative Committee members are offered additional training opportunities to enhance their advocacy skills, their general knowledge of the legislative process, and their specific knowledge of key state and federal education issues.

The term of office for Legislative Liaisons spans from the 2014 Organization Meeting to the 2015 Organizational Meeting. This year, pursuant to s. 1001.371, F.S., the Organization Meeting will take place on November 18, 2014. In addition to the other business conducted at this meeting, we ask that your board select a Legislative Liaison and an alternate to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. Any member of your school board is eligible to serve as your Legislative Liaison, but please also be aware that your current Liaison is eligible to serve consecutive terms. Once your Legislative Liaison and Alternate have been selected, please ensure that the attached Legislative Liaison Reporting Form (in either Word or PDF format) is completed and returned to the FSBA office by December 19, 2014. For your convenience, an online version of the Reporting Form is also available on the FSBA website at <http://fsba.org/legislative-liaison-form/>.

Also, please note that this special selection process applies **ONLY** to the Legislative Liaison and Alternate who will serve on the main FSBA Legislative Committee. **All** school board members are welcome to sign up to serve on either or both of the Legislative Committee Subcommittees – the Advocacy Subcommittee and the Federal Relations Network Subcommittee.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Melton at melton@fsba.org or 850/414-2578.