



Florida School Boards Association

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"THE STARTING POINT OF ALL ACHIEVEMENT IS DESIRE."
- Napoleon Hill

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

FSBA PRESENTS:
ENSURING EVERY CHILD SUCCEEDS
71ST ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE & BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

11/29
NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ACADEMY
Part 1, Crucial Information to Help Keep You on Track
CHAIRMANSHIP ACADEMY
Open for all CHAIRS and VICE CHAIRS

Keynote Speakers

12/2
LIVE-DELIVERY
Where Do You Draw the Line?
Ethics Training for School District Officials

DR. CHRIS EMDIN,
AUTHOR OF:
For White Folks Who Teach in the Hood... and the Rest of Y'all Too

DR. GREGORY THORNTON,
MASTER FACULTY FACILITATOR
National Institute for School Leadership

NOVEMBER 29 - DECEMBER 2
GRAND HYATT TAMPA BAY

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Tax Exempt Status Form - Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

If you plan on attending the Annual Joint Conference 11/29-12/2, please be sure to complete the Tax Exempt Status Form required by the Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay. Qualifying entities must complete and submit the form during each stay at the Grand Hyatt.

CLICK [HERE](#) to access the form»

October Dates to Remember

[Bullying Prevention Awareness Month](#)

National Principals Month - #ThankAPrincipal

October 16-22nd - School Safety Week

October 17th - Boss's Day

October 23-31st - Red Ribbon Week



Proposed 2017 Legislative & Federal Platforms

FSBA members submitted more than 100 separate proposals for items to be included in the FSBA 2017 Legislative and Federal Platforms. On September 14, the FSBA Platform Committee reviewed those proposals to determine whether each item had a statewide impact and whether each item was consistent with the mission of the Florida School Boards Association (as required in FSBA Policy 2025). Based on this review, FSBA staff has drafted a PROPOSED FSBA 2017 Legislative Platform and Federal Platform.

- [CLICK HERE to view the platforms»](#)

We urge each school board member to carefully review the PROPOSED Platforms and provide any comments or concerns you may have to your district's Representative and/or Alternate on the FSBA Legislative Committee.

FSBA has also scheduled a 1-hour GoToMeeting session on Friday, October 14, 2016 from 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. School board members may log on to the meeting at any time during that 1-hour time block to ask questions of the FSBA Legislative Committee leaders and FSBA staff.

A memo with call-in information was sent in September, and if you would like to request the information, please contact the office at (850) 414-2578.

Legislative Committee Meeting

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

The next meeting will be held on October 27, 2016, in Pinellas County. The meeting is free to attend and registration is required for participant count.

[CLICK HERE for Registration & More Information»](#)

State & Federal Government Relations

The State Board of Education has approved the Department of Education's Legislative Budget Request, also known as the LBR. The LBR is an early step in **Florida's budget development process**. The LBR and related documents are all available in the **FSBA Resource Room** on our **Education Funding page**.

The Florida Department of Education has posted both a summary and a full list of the public comments that were submitted in response to DOE's initial survey for input on the implementation of the federal Every Student Succeeds Act, or ESSA. We have posted links to this information,



November Organization Meeting

According to specific confines found in 100.041(3)(a), F.S., and because 2016 is an election year, districts must hold organization meetings on November 22.

In addition to meeting the statutory requirements to elect a chair and adopt a schedule for regular meetings (1001.371, F.S), the November Organization Meeting is a great time for the school board to discuss protocols for the upcoming year.

FSBA has posted some helpful resources on our website to assist your district in having a successful organization meeting.



- **CLICK HERE** for the Organization Meeting Resource Page and check back often for updates.

Staff is also available to assist you with any questions: (850) 414-2578

Professional Development

Want to know how you can help get your newly elected school board members OnBoard?

CLICK to read this month's OnBoard post»



Upcoming Professional Development Events

November 29th - New School Board Member Academy
"Crucial Information to Help Keep You On Track"
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

November 29th - Chairmanship Academy
Grand Hyatt Tampa Bay

February 8th - Certified Board Member School Finance Forum

February 9th - Certified Board Member Personnel & Bargaining Issues Forum

CLICK HERE to register and learn more about FSBA events»

Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training & Meeting

ICYMI: The Board of Directors met in Winter Haven for the annual Leadership Development Training & Meeting. Special Thanks to Legoland Florida, Lego Education,

and Polk County Schools for supporting this event, which featured a STEM education and STEM Career Academy Tour.

- **View a video from Day 1**
- **Learn about Polk County Academies**



Ethics Training Available

**ETHICS TRAINING
ON-DEMAND**

- Sunshine Law
- Public Records Law
- Misuse of position
- Gifts
- Financial disclosure requirements
- Ethics complaints

**WHERE
DO YOU DRAW
THE LINE?
2016 Edition**

ETHICS
Training for School Board Members

This FSBA webinar is available through
December 31, 2016.

 **Registration Now Open**

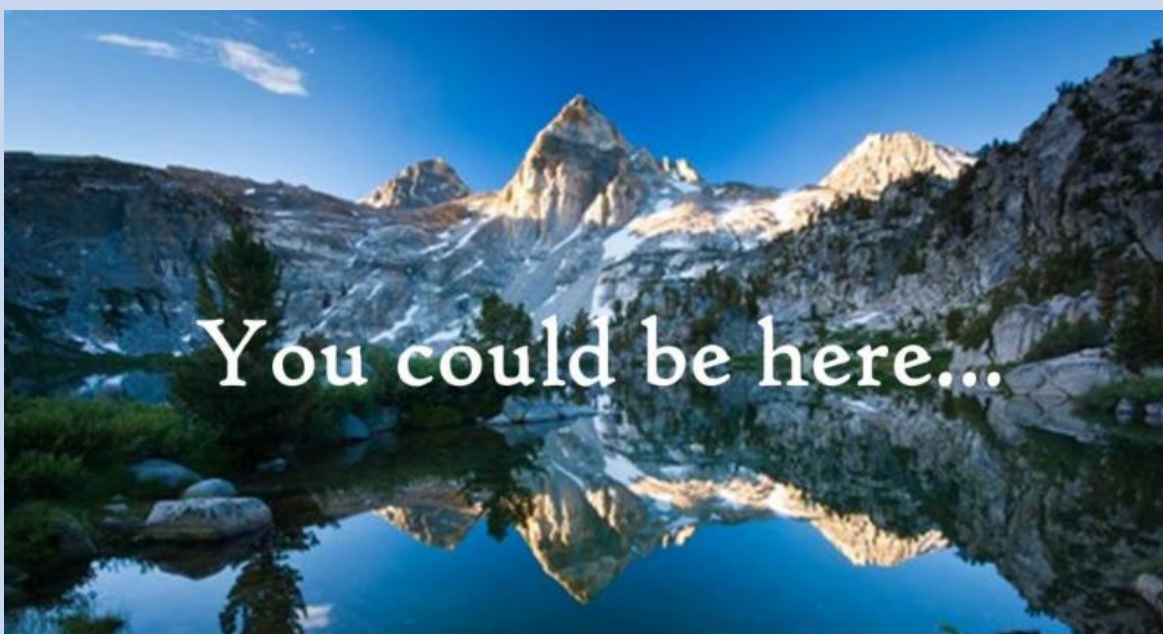
 **ONLINE
ON YOUR TIME**
Florida School Boards Association

REMINDER: the deadline for elected officials to complete 4 hours of ethics training required by 112.311, F.S. is midnight, December 31, 2016.

For your convenience, FSBA is offering two options, an On-Demand Webinar (now available!), and live-delivery at the Joint Conference in December.

[Learn More and Register Here»](#)

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Kennedy Center & Magna Awards Nominations

Kennedy Center Award for Arts Education

Since 1989, the Kennedy Center and the National School Boards Association (NSBA) have provided an annual award to a school board that has demonstrated support for and commitment to high-quality arts education in its school district. This national award recognizes districts that have included all four major artistic disciplines-visual arts, music, theater, and dance-in their programs. The Kennedy Center and NSBA are currently accepting nominations for the 2017 Kennedy Center and NSBA Award. The deadline for applications is Tuesday, November 1, 2016.

- **[CLICK HERE for more information»](#)**

2017 Magna Awards

The 2017 Magna Awards nomination process opens on September 7. Winning districts are featured in the April issue of ASBJ and at a luncheon at NSBA's Annual Conference in Denver, March 25-27, 2017. The deadline for submissions is October 31

. Please contact Kathleen Vail, kvail@nsba.org, with any questions.

- [CLICK HERE for more information»](#)

#MembershipMatters

Why does FSBA membership matter to you?

Post your story on social media and use the hashtag **#FSBAMembershipMatters**, or email your story directly to **BillieAnne Gay**.



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