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As you honor your selfless **Florida Public School Heroes** following their service during Hurricane Irma, please share the names and any photos of your recognition ceremonies with FSBA ([email BillieAnne Gay](mailto:BillieAnne.Gay@fsba.org)) so we can honor them on our [statewide #FLPublicSchoolHeroes webpage](http://www.fsba.org/statewide-FLPublicSchoolHeroes).

RESCHEDULED EVENTS

The Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training & Meeting was rescheduled for October 25 in Gainesville. Questions? Contact Member Services Specialist Patricia Peterson: 850.414.2578 or Peterson@fsba.org.

The FSBA Legislative Committee will meet on October 26 in *Gainesville* to debate and adopt the final FSBA 2018 Legislative and Federal Platforms. Questions? Contact Director of Advocacy Services Ruth Melton: 850.414.2578 or melton@fsba.org.

Registration Now Open

Full conference registration includes Chairmanship Academy & Ethics Training. Click [HERE](#) for details.

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72nd Annual Joint Conference
Tampa, Florida

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NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 1, 2017

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FSBA 2018 Legislative & Federal Platforms - Provide Feedback Now
FSBA members submitted more than 100 separate proposals to be included in the FSBA 2018 Legislative and Federal Platforms. On September 22, the FSBA Platform Committee reviewed those proposals to determine whether each item had statewide impact

and was consistent with FSBA's mission (refer to [FSBA Policy 2025](#)).

- The proposed platform is now available [HERE](#).

Members are encouraged to carefully review the PROPOSED Platforms and provide any comments/concerns to their district's representative on the FSBA Legislative Committee (identify your district's representative [HERE](#)).

Members will also be given the opportunity to ask any questions during a 1-hour GoToMeeting on Friday, October 6 from 12-1:00pm. Access to this call will be sent via email.

2018 Session & Advocacy Tools

The 2018 Legislative Session begins in January. As always, our staff has been assembling materials to keep you informed and to assist your advocacy efforts. Visit the FSBA 2018 Legislative Session page ([HERE](#)) for some new and updated materials. Be sure to check back often as more additions will be made throughout the legislative process.

Magna Awards 2018 Now Open

NSBA's Magna Awards program has a long history of recognizing school district innovation and creativity in helping increase student achievement. For 2018, we are making a change in the criteria. The 2018 awards program will focus on equity in education. It will recognize district programs that remove barriers to achievement for vulnerable or underserved children. [Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Certified Board Member Points & Member Profile



The year is rapidly coming to a close! Be sure to submit CBM forms for your leadership development activities to earn or renew your Certified Board Member distinction. As a reminder, to renew your CBM status for 2017 you will need 15 CBM points.

- Click [here](#) to complete the CBM form for the 2017 Annual Summer Conference.
- Click [here](#) to complete the CBM form for the 30th Annual Day in the Legislature.

If you completed any training that is non-FSBA sponsored click [here](#) to complete a Generic CBM form. To view your points, log into your [member profile](#) and click on the CEU tab.

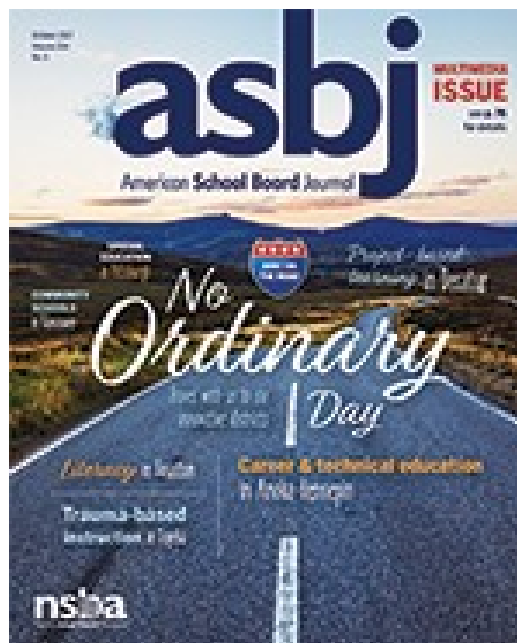
Questions? Contact Member Services Associate Carolyn Sanders: 850.414.2578 or sanders@fsba.org.



The FSBA State of the Association, Volume 2 now available

FSBA's 2016-2017 Annual Report is now available. A physical copy was sent to all members in late September, and the report is now accessible electronically [HERE](#).

This report highlights the goals, progress, and future plans of the association. It is a true illustration of the effort and voice of all members.



American School Board Journal Highlights Innovation

ASBJ's 'No Ordinary Day' Spotlights Transformative Work in Public Schools

For the October issue, ASBJ chose six school districts that exemplify the spirit of innovation and reform. The editors traveled all over the country to visit these districts and their communities. The issue features a special

multimedia project that presents district stories not only through words, but also through videos and photos and infographics.

[Click here to view the multimedia stories.](#)

Announcement: FASA to Host One-Day Training



Encourage your superintendent to send district administrators in HR, finance, risk management, negotiations and more to the Florida Association of School Administrators one-day conference in Orlando, *A Focus on Breaking Barriers for Team Success*, on October 20.

This conference is specifically designed for district level administrators on the sessions and topics most needed by these administrators. Issues addressed will include: the teacher shortage, post-hurricane financial recovery and working with FEMA, risk management, federal and state procurement process, and tools for school growth and planning.

The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) will present newly developed resources for districts in post-hurricane recovery mode. Don't get caught owing FEMA money - learn the Dos and Don'ts from Florida districts with experience. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Start Saving on Travel Today!

Follow the instructions below to access your account. Many districts have started to offer this **FREE** benefit to all employees.



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NSBA School Rx Cooperative

Want to know more about the NSBA School Rx Cooperative? Visit our [partner page](#) and read the article below.



Why do your costs for prescription drug benefits keep on rising?

by [Gerry Blaum](#), Senior Account Executive, NSBA School Rx Cooperative

The overwhelming majority of schools provide prescription drug benefits to their people and have done so for years. The benefit is very important to the covered people as virtually every family will have use for the benefits at some time every year. Unfortunately for the schools who provide the benefits the cost has been going up much faster than almost any other expense they incur and today has reached a

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The FSBA 2018 Annual Sponsor Program has Officially Launched!

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