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Hurricane Updates: Irma & Those Affected in TX

FSBA is tracking Hurricane Irma and wishing all districts and communities safety and preparedness. Visit www.FLGetAPlan.com for details.



Members attending the [Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training and Meeting](#) next week in Gainesville will be updated and notified with information regarding any event changes, as it is available.

Additionally, following Hurricane Harvey, many members asked how they can help school districts in Texas. We have been in touch with the Texas Association of School Boards, and they will provide details on assistance efforts as they are available.

Advocacy Services

2018 Legislative Platform - **Proposals due 9/8**

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR PROPOSALS for legislative changes that would impact public education statewide. This is the first step to developing the FSBA Legislative Platform, which is the cornerstone of FSBA's legislative advocacy efforts. Read the memo for submission guidelines [HERE](#). Visit the platform page for more information [HERE](#).

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.

Be on the lookout for the next issue of the Session Spotlight this week that will provide links to new advocacy tools, Legislative interim committee schedules, information on meetings of the Constitution Revision Commission, and more.

RESPONSE NEEDED - Help Us Provide the Advocacy Tools You Need
FSBA staff strives daily to improve and build our resources and services to best support members to advocate for Florida's students. Please take a moment to complete our quick survey to help us shape our advocacy efforts moving forward. Access the survey [HERE](#).

Save the Date & Share

Click images below for more details and activities



A poster for "DADS Take Your Child to School Day 9.27.17". It features a silhouette of a man and a child walking. The word "DADS" is written in large, bold letters, with the "A" being a yellow pencil. Below it, the text reads "TAKE YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL DAY 9.27.17". At the bottom, it says "#FLDADSATSCHOOL". A blue box at the bottom contains a speaker icon and the text: "All father figures are welcome, including stepfathers, grandfathers, uncles, brothers, foster fathers and other significant male role models. Volunteers are needed for those without a male role model. Contact your local school district." The Florida Department of Education logo is at the bottom right.

CBM Points & Member Profile



All CBM points have been entered, including the Annual Summer Conference and other submitted forms. To view your points, log into your [member profile](#) and click on the CEU tab. If you have not completed the CBM form(s) click [HERE](#) to do so on the FSBA Forms &

Publications page.

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

Start Saving on Travel Today!

Shake off those back-to-school blues by planning a trip... at a discounted price. How? Access your **FREE** Snazzy Traveler Membership today (a \$99 value, annually). Follow the instructions below to access your account.

13 districts have started to offer this **FREE** benefit to all employees.

Contact [BillieAnne Gay](#) today to receive specific instructions and marketing materials to offer this to your district.



FSBA Travel Benefit Program

Your Employees Could Be Saving -- For FREE

Districts are Saving - Why Not You?

33% average Snazzy \$avings when users book car rentals through the Florida School Boards Association Travel Benefit.



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Snazzy Traveler offers travel Savings on hotel, car rentals, vacation packages, and activities along the way.

Your teachers and staff will thank you for this timely cost-saving benefit for their personal travel. This \$99 benefit is available to your district for FREE.

Try it out yourself and spread the word:

www.SnazzyTraveler.com/FSBA
Promo Code: **FSBATravel**

Start Saving Today

For details on how to roll out this travel benefit to your district employees, contact BillieAnne Gay, FSBA Communications Manager at 850.528.9104



FSBA Partner EdCredible Now Offers Instructional Materials Assistance



Just in time for the Science instructional materials adoption, EdCredible has announced the

availability of its new tool: EdValuate. Several districts have already taken advantage of this opportunity to streamline the adoption process. Learn more [HERE](#).

EdValuate automates the entire paper and pencil adoption process, which saves hundreds of hours, thousands of dollars, and virtually eliminates all of the inherent protest risk associated with paper and pencil evaluations. This tool will also provide the ability to meet some of the stakeholder engagement requirements of HB989 (Instructional Materials) that passed during the 2017 Legislative Session. Contact Kurt Fichtman today to request your free demo: kfichtman@edcredible.com or 704-998-1596.

NSBA School Rx Cooperative

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



Carve out your Rx coverage to save money

by Gerry Blaum, President, Innovation Programs, LLC

Most schools provide prescription drug benefits as an integrated, or carved-in part of their health benefits package. When the school is self-funded they have the option of carving-out the Rx benefit away from the health plan insurance company. Why should they do that? The answer is that when the Pharmacy Benefit Management (PBM) benefits are carved-in, the insurance company contracts with the PBM (Express Scripts, CVS/Caremark, Optum, etc.) and considers the contract proprietary and confidential. Therefore, the school district really has no way of knowing how good a pricing deal they are getting from

Click [HERE](#) to read the full article

FSBA Annual Sponsor Program - *Coming Soon*

A graphic for the FSBA Annual Sponsor Program. It features a blue diagonal banner in the top left corner with the text 'official launch SEPTEMBER 2017'. The background is a blurred image of a person in a suit pointing upwards. Overlaid on this is the text 'WAYS TO CONNECT' in white, uppercase letters, with a large yellow number '5' integrated into the word 'TO'. Below this, a semi-transparent blue box contains the text: 'Exploring the Florida School Boards Association's annual sponsorship program. Your opportunity to build relationships and deep roots with Florida's education leaders.'

Know a sponsor interested in supporting FSBA?
Have them contact our office today.

