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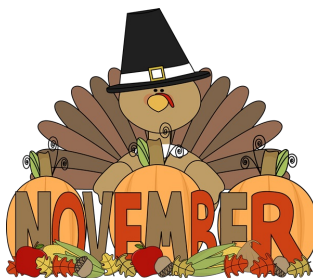
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Registration Closing Soon!!!

Full conference registration includes Chairmanship Academy & Ethics Training. *Online registration closes November 15!*

Click [HERE](#) for details.



NOVEMBER is a month for which to be **THANKFUL!**

Did you know that November is:

- National Native American Heritage Month
- National Family Literacy Month
- National Scholarship Month

Help FSBA honor your selfless Public School Heroes!

Please share the names and any photos of your recognition ceremonies honoring your district employees and volunteers who assisted during Hurricane Irma with FSBA



([email BillieAnne Gay](mailto:BillieAnneGay)) so that we can honor them on our statewide recognition page.

#FLPublicSchoolHeroes



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FSBA's FINAL Adopted 2018 Legislative & Federal Platforms

The FSBA Legislative Committee met in Gainesville on 10/26 to discuss, debate, and adopt proposals submitted by member districts to determine the makeup of the FSBA Legislative and Federal Platforms.

- The final Legislative Platform can be accessed [HERE](#)
- The final Federal Platform can be accessed [HERE](#)

Additional resources will be available to members in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, please contact [Ruth Melton](#).

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.

Updates and in-depth reporting is available through the FSBA Session Spotlight Blog. You can access blog entries by clicking on the image below, or by visiting <http://fsba.org/fsba-session-spotlight/>:



You can also visit the [FSBA 2018 Legislative Session Page](#) for some new and updated materials. Be sure to check back often as more additions will be made throughout the legislative process.

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission

The Florida Constitution Revision Commission continues to meet to discuss proposals for revisions to the Florida Constitution. You can access proposals and resources by visiting the [FSBA Legal News Page](#), or by visiting the official page of the CRC, www.FLCRC.gov.

NSBA's 2018 Advocacy Institute - "Elected. Engaged. Empowered: Representing the Voice in Public Education"

February 4-6 - Marriott Marquis in Washington, D.C.

This conference will convene Members of Congress, national thought-leaders, state association executives, and well-known political pundits to provide local school board members with an update on key policy and legal issues impacting public education, and tactics and strategies to enhance their ability to influence the policy-making process and national education debate during their year-round advocacy efforts. This is an exciting and worthwhile event. For registration, hotel reservations, and other information, please click [HERE](#). Please note that the hotel block will close on Monday, January 15

2018 SAVE THE DATES



FSBA TRAININGS & EVENTS

January 25 - FSBA Policy Governance Forum - *Howey-in-the-Hills, FL*

January 26 - FSBA Boardsmanship Forum - *Howey-in-the-Hills, FL*

February 7-9 - FSBA Day in the Legislature - *Tallahassee, FL*

Keep up with all events and offerings [HERE](#)

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 Board of Directors' Leadership Development Training & Meeting

- 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.

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.



FSBA Travel Benefit Program

Your Employees Could Be Saving – For FREE

Districts are Saving - Why Not You?

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



24% average Snazzy Savings when users book hotels through the Florida School Boards Association travel benefit.



Just in Time for Summer Vacation



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



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

As we have noted in previous articles, most 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, the cost of this benefit has been going up much faster than almost any other expense schools incur. In this brief article we want to highlight one of the problems that plagues schools as benefit plan sponsors by costing them money that could have been avoided if only the right people were engaged in overseeing which drugs are being prescribed for their people.

Physicians rely on many sources for information about the benefits of the drugs available to help their patients. It can be very difficult for a physician to be able to take overall drug cost into account when deciding on a course of treatment for the patient. With the advent of Specialty drugs this becomes even more problematic as so many Specialty drugs carry very high price tags. To illustrate the kind of

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The FSBA 2018 Annual Sponsor Program has Officially Launched!

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