



# School Finance 2.0

FSBA Certified Board Member Forum



**Thursday | April 28, 2022 | 8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Howey-in-the-Hills**

## AGENDA

### THURSDAY

**7:30 a.m.** Help yourself to the Breakfast Buffet in La Hacienda

**8:30 a.m.** Welcome, Introductions

#### Morning Session

The FEFP is not easy to understand. It seems like once you gain an understanding of things, something is added, and something is removed. Gretchen and Leanne will dive deeper into the FEFP and provide insight into the impacts of the changes made in this last legislative session as well as provide insight into FEFP Calculations 1-5.

**12 -1:00 p.m.** Lunch

#### Afternoon Session

The afternoon session will provide categorical updates, information about available grants and a look into the Base Student Allocation from the past, present and future.

#### Closing Discussion

**5:00 p.m.** Adjourn

#### For training purposes, please bring:

- **July 2021 TRIM Advertisement from your District**
- **Five-Year Capital Outlay Plan Survey for your District**

Your School District Finance Officer can provide you with the following information. Please notify them as soon as possible to give them plenty of time to assemble.



**Tina Pinkoson**  
FSBA Director of  
Leadership Services



**April Griffin**  
FSBA Consultant



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**Friday | April 29, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | Howey-in-the-Hills**

## AGENDA

### FRIDAY

**7:30 a.m.** Help yourself to the Breakfast Buffet in La Hacienda

**8:00 a.m.** Welcome Back

#### Morning Session

Our Friday morning session will focus on Capital and Debt programs. The importance and relevance of the 5 Year Plan for Capital will be discussed as well as your role in assuring a healthy fund balance. What a great way to end your week!

**11:30 a.m.** Adjourn

## PRESENTERS



#### **Gretchen Saunders, Chief Financial Officer, St. Johns County School District**

Gretchen Saunders joined the St. Johns County School District in 2021 as the Chief Financial Officer. Prior to joining St. Johns County, Gretchen worked with the School District of Hillsborough County from 1996 through 2020. She is a past president of the Florida School Finance Officers Association, and currently the association sponsor coordinator. She was elected to membership on the Florida School Finance Council in June 2004 and is currently the Finance Council Chair. The council is a policy advisory group of the Commissioner of Education. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Business from Ferris State University, Big Rapids, Michigan, and a Master of Science degree in Public Administration from Central Michigan University.



#### **Leanne Evans, CTP, Treasurer, Palm Beach County School District**

Leanne Evans has worked in Palm Beach County Schools since 1997 and served as Treasurer since 2000. Her responsibilities include investment management, issuance of debt, development of the 10-year capital plan, management of the capital budget, oversight of the sales tax revenues and coordination of the associated oversight committees. She serves on the boards of several non-profit groups including the Florida School Finance Officers Association.



#### **Scott Ward, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, Lake County School District**

Mr. Scott Ward was appointed as the Lake County Schools District's Assistant Superintendent of Business Services May 15, 2018. He is a Certified Public Accountant who has over twenty four years of governmental accounting experience. Mr. Ward served as the lead senior auditor with the Office of the Auditor General from 1998 to 2004 before moving into school finance as the CFO and then later the Assistant Superintendent of Business Services for the School District of Alachua County. He also served as the Assistant County Manager in Columbia County from May 2016 through April 2018. Mr. Ward earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from the University of North Florida.