



School Finance

FSBA Certified Board Member Forum

AGENDA

Thursday, Feb 9, 2023 | 8:30 AM – 5:00 PM | Embassy Suites Orlando/Lake Buena Vista South

THURSDAY

7:00 AM Help yourself to the Breakfast Buffet

8:30 AM Welcome, Introductions

Morning Session

The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)

- Overview of School Finance
- Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Weights
- Enrollment Projections
- Funding by Programs
- Base Student Allocation (BSA)
- District Cost Differentials (DCD)

12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch

Afternoon Session

The Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)

- Additional Elements of the FEFP Formula
- Required Local Effort (RLE)
- Categorical Program and Lottery Funding
- Scholarships, Vouchers, and Corporate Tax Credits
- Legal Mandates Impacting School Finance
- Capital Outlay
- Internal Accounts

Question & Answer Session

5:00 PM Adjourn



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Friday, Feb 10, 2023 | 8:00 AM – 11:30 AM | Embassy Suites Orlando/Lake Buena Vista South

FRIDAY

7:00 AM Help yourself to the Breakfast Buffet

8:00 AM Welcome Back

Morning Session Fund Categorizations and Accounting Codes

The Budgetary Process

- Basics of Budgeting
- Types of Budgetary Processes
- Budgetary Planning Factors
- Budgetary Planning Factors, continued
- Adopting, Presenting, and Monitoring the District Budget

Truth in Millage (TRIM)

Financial Accountability

Preparing for the Future

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.