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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE 2022

The Florida Legislative session begins today, Tuesday, January 11th. For the next 60 days, the Florida House and Senate will debate many policies that will impact our children and their schools.

It is so important to tell our elected officials what we want for children, teachers and public schools as they deal with the impacts of the pandemic.

Read the update below and visit the [Advocacy Dashboard](#) to take action for students. **We make it easy to identify and contact your legislators via email and/or social media.** Together, we can advocate for policies that invest in children and support their future.

2022 Legislative Session Important Issues



Support the end of high-stakes testing

Florida's governor announced a proposal that would end the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) given each spring. Instead, three smaller tests would be given throughout the school year to give more useful information to educators and parents. However, a proposed bill in the Florida Senate actually adds more testing throughout the year.

Now is our opportunity to push for the removal of punitive stakes tied to testing and end the excessive amount of time spent testing not learning.

TAKE ACTION



Speak up for the Class of 2022

Florida plans to proceed with state testing and the Florida Standards Assessment this year but discontinue it next year. This includes a new law that requires students in the Class of 2022 to achieve a higher score on the SAT in lieu of passing the 10th grade FSA. This class was not able to take the FSA in 10th grade due to the pandemic and many could not take it in 2021. The Class of 2022 is the **ONLY** class that has both a higher concordant score requirement **AND** is required to pass the 10th grade FSA in order to graduate.

Tell Gov. DeSantis and the Commissioner of Education to waive this graduation requirement for the Class of 2022.

READ MORE & TAKE ACTION



2021 Budget: How will schools fare?

The Florida Legislature has one duty during their 60 day session- to pass a balanced budget. As the budget process begins, we must all demand that they make education a priority and give students and educators the resources they desperately need. **Tell your legislators that Florida's teachers and students deserve our investment.**

TAKE ACTION

School Vouchers drain funding



The Florida Legislature is once again considering legislation to expand its voucher scheme which drains vital dollars from public schools and funnels them to private companies with no oversight or accountability.

Tell your elected officials to support Florida's students and educators by investing in public schools, colleges and universities instead of unregulated, privately owned K-12 schools.

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