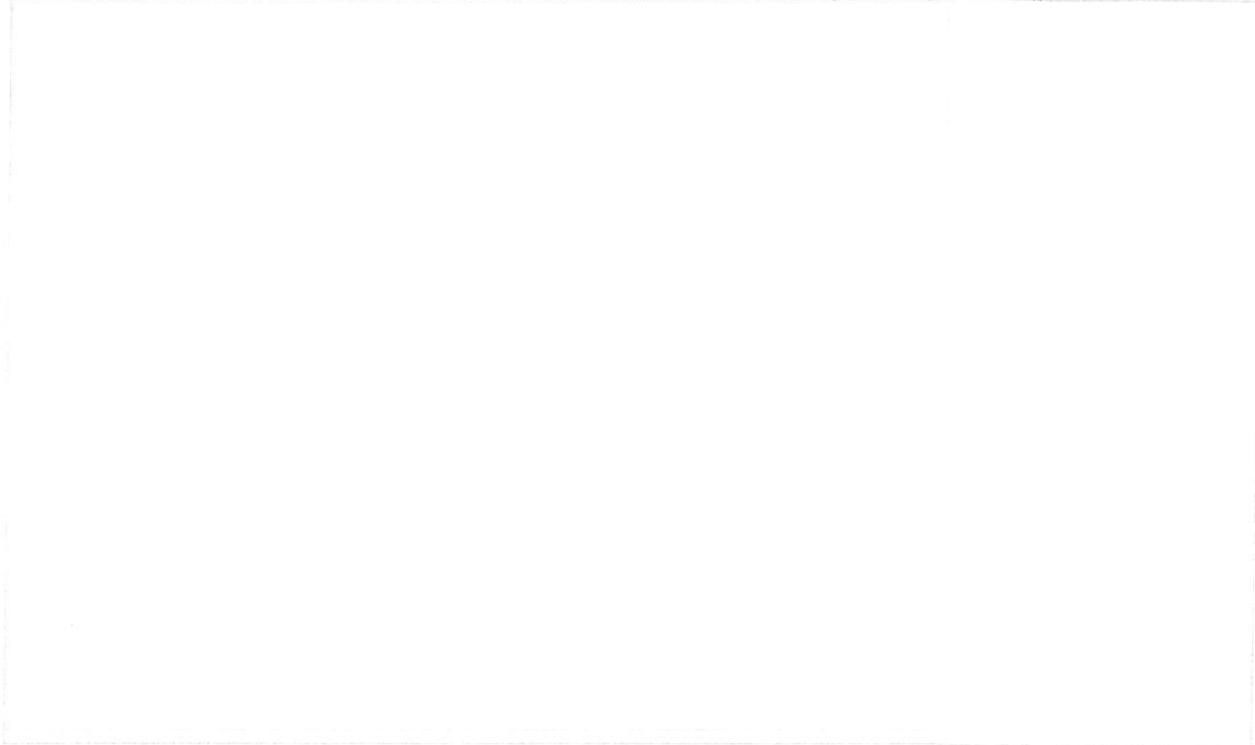


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Charter Schools/Education

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General

Overview

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Event Date		Schedule State	Ready for Review
Request Date	12/1/2014	Assign To Surrogate?	No
Comment	in consideration email sent by FV 12/1/14.		
Resolution	Regret/Refer to Kim McDougal email sent & closed by FV 12/11/14.	File_No	
Case For	Governor		

Assignment Information

Owner	 Scheduling	Status Reason	Inquiry Resolved
Follow Up By		Priority	Normal

Request Details

Resource Requested	Standard Site Location
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Description	Mr. Pozzuoli, along with Jonathan Hage of Charter Schools USA, would like to meet with Governor Scott regarding Charter Schools/Education.
Number of Attendees	

Meeting Details

Primary Policy Area	No Policy Specified
Meeting Considerations	Legislative Agenda.

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Status **Resolved**

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To: [Bax, Laura](#)
Subject: Re: The Heritage Foundation Recommendation Letter- 2d DCA vacancies (and confirmation of 12/2@ 5:05pm interview)
Date: Monday, December 01, 2014 4:24:54 PM

Ms. Bax,
Thank you for your follow-up. I greatly appreciate it.
Kind Regards,
John Badalamenti

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 1, 2014, at 4:18 PM, Bax, Laura <Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

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November 28, 2014

Honorable Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
The Capitol, PL05
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

RE: Recommendation for John Badalamenti

Dear Governor Scott:

I write you to heartily endorse John Badalamenti for a position on the Florida court of appeals.

I am a Senior Legal Research Fellow at The Heritage Foundation in Washington, D.C. I received my undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University in 1977 and my law degree from Stanford Law School in 1980. Since then, I have held numerous positions in the criminal justice system. Before coming to Heritage, I worked in the Organized Crime and Racketeering Section of the Criminal Division at the U.S. Department of Justice, as an Assistant to the Solicitor General in the Office of the Solicitor General at the Justice Department, as an Associate Independent Counsel, as Counsel to and Head of the Crime Unit of the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee, as a federal agent with the EPA Criminal Investigation Division, and as a lawyer in the Offices of Professional Responsibility and Victim Assistance at the FBI. I also have been in private practice. As the result, I have seen a large number of lawyers over my career.

I recently worked with John on a case pending before the Supreme Court of the United States, *Yates v. United States*, which raises the issue whether the obstruction of justice provisions in the Sarbanes-Oxley Act apply to physical evidence not capable of storing financial information. From that experience I came to know John to be a bright, hard-working, energetic lawyer, with a good eye for the strength of different legal arguments. He assiduously worked to represent his client, while also being able to understand the perspective of the government and the role of the Court. His skills as a lawyer, his knowledge of how his role complements that of others in the judicial process, and his calm demeanor persuade me that he is eminently qualified to serve as a judge in the Florida judicial system and would make a valuable addition to the Florida bench.

Please feel free to contact me at the above phone number or email address if you have any questions or if I can assist you further.

Sincerely,


Paul J. Larkin, Jr.

On Nov 20, 2014, at 1:41 PM, Bax, Laura <Laura.Bax@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Dear Nominee,

Congratulations on your nomination to fill the current judicial vacancy for the Second District Court of Appeal. The purpose of this email is to establish initial contact regarding the interview with the General Counsel's Staff. Though an exact date and time for your interview has not been finalized, listed below is some preliminary information that may be helpful:

Judicial Application:

**** The JNC Chair has already submitted a thumb drive for each applicant. Please disregard the need to submit the thumb drive or DVD.****

Please submit a **thumb drive or DVD** containing your complete JNC application at your earliest convenience, to my attention at the address listed at the closing of this email. Please confirm that you have received this information by return e-mail and also **include your cell number**.

Letters of Recommendation:

Any additional letters of recommendation on your behalf should be sent to the following address:

Honorable Rick Scott
Office of the Governor
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Your letters of recommendation from a recent nomination (since January 1 of this year) are kept on file and become part of the pending application.

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From: Gatorpmac@aol.com
To: [Antonacci, Peter](#)
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Fwd: Testing On Trial - Lee County, as it turns out, is at the epicenter of t...
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FYI article below Pete

Jeb is on the \$\$\$ gravy train with Gates, Pearson, AIR and some others.

When the "FL Standards" test scores come out for our students in March or April this is not going to be pretty.

Why hasn't anyone in this administration really dug into this issue and given the governor the facts?

Apparently, the governor's former Jeb staff have a seriously colored perspective and their marching orders as well.

The main players are Pam Stewart and Kim McDougal. I honestly don't think Gary has the true understanding of any of this.

Kim McDougal, when on a recent tour in Jacksonville w/ the governor seemed to care not one bit that the U.S. AP History curriculum had been eviscerated by that data mining liberal, who is an unqualified "educational advocate" (weasel) named David Coleman, who is now the College Board president.

Fun fact, David Coleman was Arne Duncan's roommate and now an education "reform" colleague of Jeb's.

Common Core and "FL Standards" are not about "standards" or education, it is a multi-billion \$\$\$ corporate heist.

I hope that many of the legislator's children soon learn what they are teaching in their children's math classes, **it is not math.**

That is what Bobby Jindal saw in his son's books, you can see how he reacted.

Why the gross indifference in FL?

Again, wait and see what happens when the tests come out for Florida students, surely Jeb and co will be on hand to tell everyone how rigorous they are.....
NOT!

And we can also thank Charlie Crist for binding FL's DOE to this, that in and of itself is the worst indictment of how bad this is, and should have been closely scrutinized.

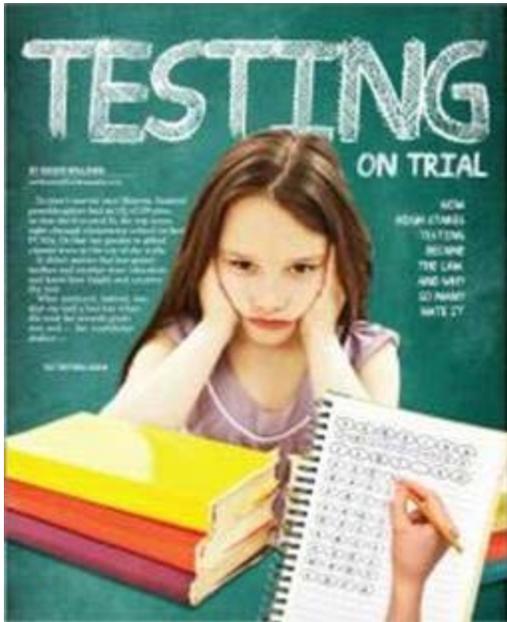
There is still time.
Article below.

Nancy

From: Sent: 10/1/2014 8:42:14 A.M. Eastern Daylight Time
Subject: Testing On Trial - Lee County, as it turns out, is at the epicenter of the statewide

debate,

Testing On Trial 2014-09-25 / Top News BY ROGER WILLIAMS
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IT DIDN'T MATTER THAT MARTHA SIMMONS' granddaughter had an IQ of 135-plus, or that she'd scored 5s, the top score, right through elementary school on her FCATs. Or that her grades in gifted classes were at the top of the scale.

It didn't matter that her grandmother and mother were educators and knew how bright and creative she was.

What mattered, instead, was that she had a bad day when she took her seventh-grade test, and — her confidence shaken — another bad day when she took her eighth grade test. Her Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test or FCAT scores dropped to a 2.

No matter what else the compelling evidence of her portfolio suggested, her teachers removed her from a classroom trajectory that challenged and pleased her, and forced her into remedial classes that did not. The state's "accountability" requirements necessitated that action.

In effect, says Mrs. Simmons, her granddaughter was punished for two or three years because she had two or three bad days.

The FCAT was just one of many tests she and every other public or charter school student in Florida (about 1.2 million kids) have to take each year, including so-called End of Course tests in five subjects.

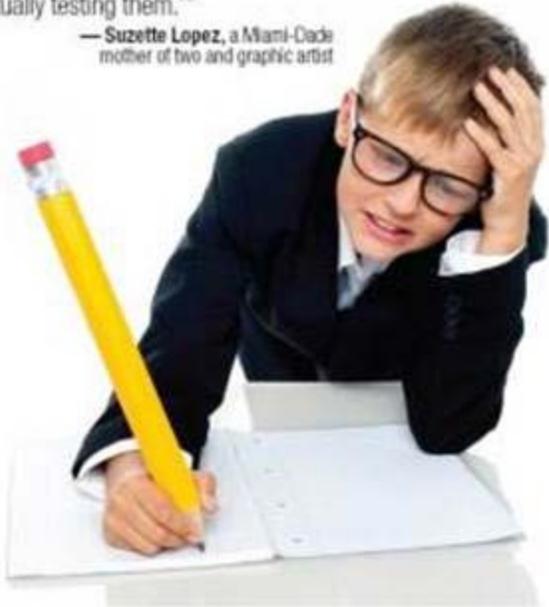
There are good reasons for those tests, *say those who have promoted them aggressively over time*, including former Gov. Jeb Bush.

Mr. Bush has taken his Foundation for Excellence in Education, a schoolreform vehicle, on the road to other states, convincing a number of them to adopt his data-driven education policies established in the Sunshine State. Those include holding back third graders who do not pass state-mandated reading tests and withholding diplomas from students who can't pass the 10th-grade test.

The business of testing — the writing and selling of tests by private companies — is worth billions of dollars in the United States, and hundreds of millions in Florida alone, if not more. **Some of the beneficiaries of the movement have been Mr. Bush's colleagues, and even his brother Neil, who created a testing software company in Texas.**

actually testing them.”

— Suzette Lopez, a Miami-Dade mother of two and graphic artist



“The idea of testing is not to be harsh or hurt people, it’s to assure that kids that are on one track that dooms them for failure for the rest of their life get a chance to be able to dream big dreams and have the capacity to fulfill them,” he told National Public Radio two years ago.

The Bush-era reforms have defined and redirected a history of tests that dates back decades, at least to President Ronald Reagan’s 1983 policies, in which he took on “A Nation at Risk,” says Dr. Jeff McCullers, director of grants and program development for Lee County Public Schools.



BUSH That year in Florida, a landmark court case called “Debra P. versus Turlington” gave state officials the right to withhold diplomas from students who couldn’t pass a standard test, even if evidence suggested that an “achievement gap” existed between black students, who were mostly poor, and white students who weren’t.

With that case, Florida ultimately marched into the 21st century.

“The apotheosis of the education accountability movement may have been the enactment of the federal ‘No Child Left Behind Act of 2001,’ which was signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2002,” explains Dr. McCullers.

“The law mandated that 100 percent of students in the U.S. would perform at grade level

on state tests in reading, writing and mathematics by the end of the 2013-2014 school year.”



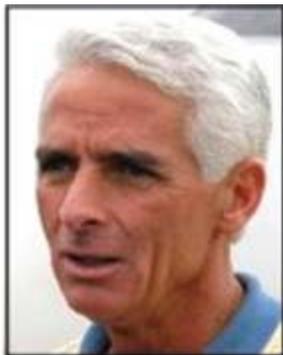
SCOTT What happened, instead, is something entirely different and much less promising. Here, Florida Weekly takes a look at where we’ve been, and where we are.

In the 21st century

Tests and standards seem to keep reforming themselves with new tests and different standards almost as regularly as Florida weather reforms itself, educators and critics acknowledge.

“No Child Left Behind” policies continued with President Barack Obama’s fine-tuning of that focus, in a relatively minor part of the stimulus plan aimed at education — a strategy the president called, “Race to the Top.”

The testing companies, meanwhile, including Pearson Education, said to be the largest in the world, and American Institutes of Research, which has sold a new test to Florida for use beginning next year, have benefitted hugely from the “accountability” requirements of former Governors Jeb Bush and Charlie Crist, and current Gov. Rick Scott.



CRIST They’ve devised an increasing number of tests that they sell to state education officials, whose direction — especially under Gov. Scott — has been to privatize the business of education, according to critics, who come from both conservative and liberal viewpoints.

These tests are no longer used just to measure student progress — and as far as that goes, significant research indicates that they may measure a student’s ability to take a test as much as they measure student knowledge and skill.

Now, in addition, the tests are also used to judge teachers and schools, and to hold them “accountable.”

Unfortunately, according to the American Statistical Association, research shows that teachers have an effect on no more than 14 percent of the variability in test scores, and

as little as 1 percent.



GUNDLACH But the stakes for both students and teachers, not to mention the cost of tests, are high.

“In 2011 when Gov. Scott signed the Student Success Act, it increased the stakes,” says **Dr. Kathi Gundlach, president of the Palm Beach County Teachers’ Association.**

“It tied teachers’ salaries and job security to the value-added model (of judging their ability), which is not statistically sound. The formula is very scary. We are looking for the link that will explain the formula, but as one statistician said, ‘There is a lot of noise in the formula. This means there is a great deal of room for error.’”

Among other things, the value-added model looks at a teacher’s record based in large part on how well his or her students do on the state-mandated FCAT tests — tests being traded out in the coming year for another set called FSA, the Florida Standard Assessments tests.



JASPER As things now stand, teachers will continue to be graded on the basis of these student tests, just as they were when Mrs. Simmons’ granddaughter failed in the seventh grade.

Although the young lady did well in End of Course tests and others, she soon found herself in remedial high school reading — even though she earned straight As in Advanced Reading all the way through elementary and middle school.

That experience is common throughout the state, and frustration among educators and parents has reached a boiling point in recent weeks. Local school officials in many counties are looking for alternatives to the current system of heavy-dosage test taking and “accountability,” backed by an unofficial corps of knowledgeable gadflies who want those experiences for children to end.



Making it personal

Nowadays, about 1 in 5 third graders fail to reach the fourth grade with their classmates, because they haven't passed the "high-stakes" exam that state officials require them to take, says Kathleen Jasper, a former teacher and education activist, and the founder of the increasingly influential blog, ConversationED.

Ms. Jasper, by no means a conservative, has found herself on the Glenn Beck show more than once, agreeing with that conservative icon and entertainer of the right that contemporary education is in trouble.

"Jasper believes that the education system is sucking the souls out of our children, and the testing that supposedly measures merit and success is actually just a money-making scheme," says Mr. Beck in an online introduction to one show.

Which is pretty much the case, she confirms, in a conversation with Florida Weekly. "I want you to imagine," she says, making it personal, "a little third-grader crying because she's just learned she can't go on in school."



FISCHER Such students are delayed a year, not only in Florida but also in a number of states that have adopted the policy. The reasoning, shaped in large part by former Gov. Jeb Bush, is that these students will be given a chance to catch up and move forward in life. But researchers at Arizona State University following kids who were held back in third grade discovered something else, they reported — those students are more likely to drop out of school in the future.

When failure to pass the third grade FCAT test happened to the granddaughter of Mary Fischer, who

now sits on the Lee County School Board, the girl's confidence and her happiness were so shaken that she became an unwilling student, a person who hated school, and eventually a young teenage mother who finally dropped out,



LOPEZ Mrs. Fischer recalls.

But the granddaughters of both Mrs. Simmons and Mrs. Fischer eventually emerged from years of struggle to regain their own footings. Mrs. Fischer's granddaughter graduated and began to raise a warmly loved child in a family of learning-centric adults, she says. And Mrs. Simmons' granddaughter scored her way back into more challenging and rewarding high-school classes — but through other tests, not the FCAT.

"The irony of 'No Child Left Behind,'" says Mrs. Fischer, "is that more children are getting left behind."

And one of them was her granddaughter.

The state education tree

Failing to pass the third grade test is one thing, but failing to pass the 10th grade test — the other high-stakes benchmark — is another.

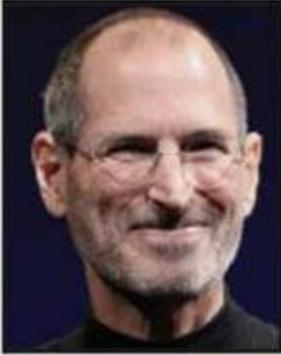


Although all students take these tests each year, those who fail the 10th grade test, in which they're given more than one chance at bat, will keep them from earning a high-school diploma, no matter what their grade averages or achievements.

Students do not shoulder those high stakes alone. Each year, the tests are also high stakes for teachers and school principals, whose salaries and in some cases whose jobs depend on how well students do.

The result, as September of a new school year unfolds, has been a strong public backlash, both about "accountability" as it's now defined, and about a set of standards that tests are supposed to measure, called "Common Core," which has recently been revised to become the Florida State Standards.

The two trunks of the education reform tree — Common Core and the high-stakes testing or accountability — are sometimes confused by unhappy parents, who nevertheless have the right notion — that something has to change, says Dr. Nancy Graham, superintendent of Lee County public schools.



JOBS Although Dr. Graham is focusing on the weaknesses in high-stakes testing, she says, others question Common Core itself.

“Common Core just isn’t working,” says **Suzette Lopez**, a Miami-Dade mother of two and graphic artist who began to do research on the issue when her oldest child, with high-performance autism, needed help getting into gifted programs.

“You have to look at assessment and Common Core as the same package,” she insists. **“It’s the fuel of data. They need data. They want data. They refer to each Common Core standard as a data point. So they want every state and every child to be at the same data point.”**



GATES “My issue is, ‘You’re pigeonholing my children based on data that is, number one, flawed, and number two, not actually testing them.’”

Lee County, as it turns out, is at the epicenter of the statewide debate, **since its school board, led by Mrs. Fischer who cast the first vote, took the lead in Florida and agreed recently to “opt out” of the state testing program. But that lasted for only a few days, gaining national attention, before the board voted to opt back in — again, led in part by Mrs. Fischer.**

Stacey Chadwick Brown, a therapist and educator at Florida SouthWestern State College, was at that meeting since she has children in public school.

She watched as people began to argue and shout.

“I heard one suggestion that this could be a reality television show because there were so many wacky things happening,” she recalls.

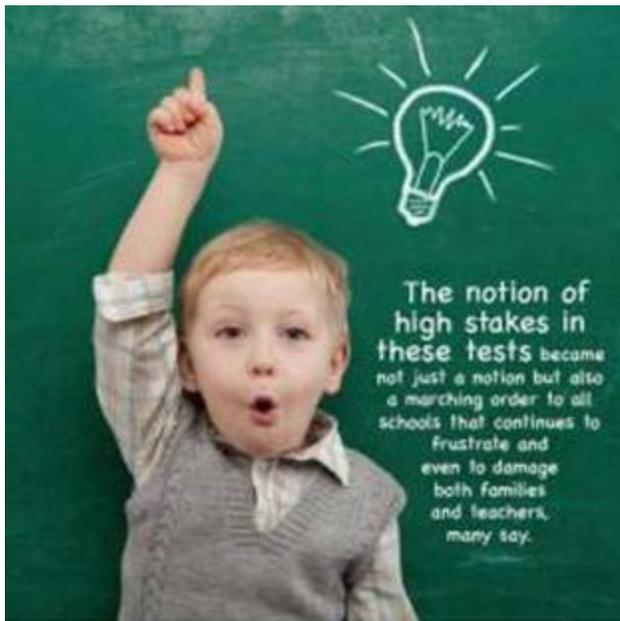


BOWER “At one point they had to take a break because people were hurling insults and yelling so much. One of the school board members called his wife and was explaining what all was happening and talking about Mary Fischer. Fortunately his microphone was still on and so everyone got to hear that.

“Another time Mary Fischer said that she was not going to be bullied by the noisy people there, and that she has spent her whole life advocating for children and she would continue to do so.

“Then someone yelled, ‘Screw you!’ Mayhem. Bizarreness. Ignorance. So the school board looks wishy-washy, and the public looks like lunatics and bullies. School boards all over the nation are watching us to see how this pans out.”

But Mrs. Fischer and other board members had discovered in the interim, between votes, how severe the consequences of opting out without a plan could be — state monies and high school diplomas for seniors were suddenly at risk.



Common Core and accountability

“There are several issues,” explains Dr. Graham. “One is the high stakes related to (the assessments), and the other is standards.”

Most if not all feel that some standards are essential, whether Common Core or the newly named version of that, Florida State Standards, or some other prescribed body of knowledge that is not developed and designed merely to allow data collectors to mine them for data.

Megan Just, a mother of public school children, is a former high school teacher who now works in college administration while pursuing a Ph.D. in educational psychology,

specializing in educational measurement or psychometry, she says.

“When you have an education system where the content is broad but not deep — so a mile wide and an inch deep — you’re going to be forced into a metrics looking at things at the knowledge level, and not the critical thinking level we want as a nation.



Put another way, school districts such as *“All we’ve done for the last 25 years is* “Parents are upset that tests are being linked to high stakes, and upset because we so frequently test people — and what happens is, we get measurement error. I’ve sat in testing rooms and watched kids decide to discriminately color in answers. They do it in patterns and zigzags and Christmas tree shapes, because they are so desensitized and deadened.”

Lee’s Dr. Graham puts it this way: “The state has created an accountability system which is a good model. *But it’s punitive rather than diagnostic.* That’s where we all part ways. What we have to do is a process. We begin by dissecting each issue. I’ll start with the high-stakes portion — that’s the part that is hurting children. That’s what I care about. We’re hurting our kids.”

No one, least of all Dr. Graham, is proposing that standards or accountability be thrown out.

Unfortunately, however, “the state’s accountability system suggests that all children should learn at the same rate. The way the formula is driven, if they don’t get to where the formula says they should, those children are made to feel less than successful, even when they’ve made fabulous gains.”

Touchy issues

From the view of teachers — Mrs. Simmons, for example, who recently retired after a 46-year career in public education — “This testing is very much overdone. And it’s not just state testing, it’s all the other testing that goes with it.”

By the end of her career, “I was spending 20 percent of my time checking my little reading groups — my kindergartners. They had to be checked individually, the ones who weren’t yet ready for school, with computer-designed tests. My job was to get them on grade level by the end of the year, in reading.”

Reacting in part to those concerns, the state board of education last week decided not to administer tests to kindergartners — *for the most part because*

the computer systems children are required to use have not been working properly. A state law requires that computer systems everywhere for all these tests, known as “the infrastructure,” be load tested and functional before the tests are administered.

Other than that single concession by state officials, however, very little has changed in the testing environment, Mrs. Simmons concludes.

But the issue is so volatile, that some school leaders are reluctant even to talk about it — at least not last week, as school boards and county administrators reviewed their options and the public outcry remained heated.

“Our review of the issue today has raised more questions we need to answer,” wrote Greg Turchetta, executive director of communications for Collier

County schools, headed by Superintendent Kamela Patton.

Dr. Patton had been asked by Florida Weekly to share her opinions and direction both in writing and by phone, but declined, via Mr. Turchetta. “We will not be able to discuss this at this time. I will send out a media invite when we are ready,” he said.

History then and now

The current rebellion against high stakes started in Palm Beach County in March of 2012, when the school board adopted a resolution backing away from high-stakes testing and accountability — just two days before FCAT scores were released with **dismaying news**: The percentage of fourth graders in Florida who passed the reading portion of the FCAT **had plummeted from 81 percent to 27 percent.**

Within days, the state dropped its minimum passing score, jumping the passing rate that year back to 81 percent and effectively rendering the test irrelevant.

Then early last month, after Lee County’s school board opted out, gaining national attention, every school board in the state began to consider other options.

History now plays a significant role in their decision-making, and for some, that history can date back decades.

When Martha Simmons began teaching first grade in 1966, things were a little different. Young students took naps in the middle of the day, hard-bound primers were the tools used to teach them how to read, and students were given a single standardized test **at the beginning of the year and one at the end** — a total of four or five hours of annual testing to determine their progress in reading and math.

That happened across the country as well as in Florida, and in those days, people who began teaching were more likely to stay with the profession.

Now, many teachers leave the profession before they reach the five-year mark, statistics show, driven out in part by frustrations over how they’re judged, and how they can or can’t teach their students, **they say.**

The new system creates a talent deficit in the profession, since studies show that teachers only begin to become proficient at the art of teaching after three to five years, and to reach their fullest potential in the classroom only after about 15 years.

The old system, meanwhile, produced such famous names as the late Steve Jobs (a product of public schools) and Bill Gates (privately schooled), or such writers as Malcolm Gladwell (English schools), points out Meg Just.

But now for more than a decade in Florida — ever since President George W. Bush created the “No Child Left Behind” policies that his brother, then Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, relied on to build new accountability standards for students, teachers and schools — the state and its 67 school districts have established an elaborate and expensive model of testing.

Testing companies such as Pearson and the recently hired American Institutes for Research, which now has a six year, \$220 million contract with the state to introduce a test that will replace the FCAT 2.0 starting in 2015, have proven to be effective lobbyists in Tallahassee, **school administrators and others say.**

“From a money perspective and the issues of the business community, people want to know, ‘Are the students ready to become the next employees?’ And next: ‘How does our school system stack up with others?’ for both their own children and employees,” says Marshall Bower, president and CEO of the Foundation for Lee County Public Schools, a business-oriented agency.

“So the issue, always the issue in so many things, of follow the money, means looking at what is going on with influence that the testing companies may have with legislators. Or with the school boards, but that’s not the case here. State standardized tests are set by the state legislature. I know there is influence based on people running for office — nowadays it costs a lot to campaign, so they accept money from various organizations that gain influence.”

That intuitive local-business savvy reflects a larger and demonstrable reality: The education business in Florida and the United States, built on the model of Common Core and accountability, is a several-billion-dollar annual affair, with the Florida pie worth hundreds of millions, alone.

And the newest arrival on the Florida accountability scene, AIR or the American Institutes for Research, bills itself as “one of the world’s largest behavioral and social science research and evaluation organizations.” AIR is a non-profit agency that supports and benefits from many of the goals of No Child Left Behind and Race to the Top. It’s headed by President and CEO David Myers, whose salary is \$567,000.

Footing the bill

Such companies (and there are others) are ultimately the beneficiaries of taxpayer largess, since taxpayers cover the costs of each test for each child: **listed by the Florida Department of Education as \$14.58 per test (that will drop to \$11.37 next year), or \$36.17 per student (dropping to \$34.23, says the FDOE).**

Put another way, school districts such as Palm Beach County, with 185,000 students, or Lee County, with 85,000, or Collier or Charlotte counties, with 45,000 and 27,000 students, respectively, all must find ways to pay that cost, every year — a cost which jumps every time a student retakes a test.

The lesson of more than a decade of aggressive educational reform, therefore — at least according to many teachers — is that if it’s a model or a new test, count on it to change before long, and cost a great deal of money.

For example, the FCAT became the FCAT 2.0, which is now becoming the AIR’s FSA test. The old standards became the Common Core standards, which were renamed earlier this year as “the Florida Standards,” when state officials decided to alter the calculus portion and add a cursive writing standard.

Unfortunately, says Kathleen Jasper, while very few disagree that students ought to emerge from schools with a certain body of knowledge common in the culture and competitive in the country and the world, and that they should be tested to measure

how they stack up, the current system is not only unfair to students and teachers, it isn't working. And now there are many disagreements about how and why.

"All we've done for the last 15 years is (focus) on the standards and the assessments of those standards," she explains. "However, the needle hasn't moved."

State Department of Education figures show that only 57 percent of third graders have been able to pass the reading test, at best, between 2011 and the current year. **For the last decade or more, 30 to 40 percent of students have failed each year, at least, in reading tests. The numbers are similarly discomfiting in other subjects such as algebra, at most levels and in most years, she says.**

Those numbers are at odds, however, with former Gov. Bush's insistence that "more students are reading, writing and doing math and science on or above grade level," and "Florida's third through 10th grade students are outscoring 60 – 70 percent of their peers in all other states in both reading and math."

Those comments appear on his Foundation for Excellence in Education website.

The notion of high stakes in these tests became not just a notion but also a marching order to all schools that continues to frustrate and even to damage both families and teachers, many say.

Not only can students be held back or prevented from graduating even if they pass their courses, but the salaries and now the careers of teachers coming into the system are threatened. Under Gov. Scott's program for improvement in education, new teachers now have to work under annual contracts that allow administrators to fire them without the due process teachers formerly had. The test scores of their students judge them all. *And their schools are likewise held accountable for those scores, with a potential loss of resources and opportunities if the scores don't measure up.*

Along with all that, says Kathleen Jasper, students also have to take the manufactured EOC or End of Course exams — not only in reading but also in algebra, geometry, U.S. history and biology, among others.

"So now you go from two or three tests, if you include writing, to seven or eight tests. And they're more expensive," she says. "So now you have extra tests costing extra money and you have all these kids retaking them, sometimes they retake two or three tests and the cost more than triples. It's like an exponent, especially if you count time as money — how much time teachers spend on these tests — and the infrastructure we have to buy from other companies to take the tests."

The new AIR test, for example, is designed to be used most efficiently on Google's Chromebook, which probably bodes well for sales.

"These tests are killing us," Ms. Jasper concludes.

Worse yet, say critics of the newest test, the FSA tests designed by AIR and set to replace the FCATs, may not work for Florida students at all.

That's because the testing company field-tested them in Utah, where the student demographics are entirely different, at a cost to taxpayers of \$5.4 million.

"Right there the validity and value of this test is in question," says Ms. Jasper. "Because the sample calculation is wrong. It doesn't match. And demographics matters. Our Latino and poor population, black or white, is a lot higher than theirs. Utah is 71 percent opulent. Our poverty hovers between 50, 60, or 70 percent in many counties. Poor kids don't do as well. They don't do well on high stakes.

“Nobody understands how detrimental this is.”

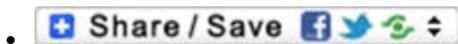
Apparently, not even the testing company, AIR, based in Washington, D.C.

Asked by telephone why AIR fieldtested a Florida test in Utah, Larry McQuillan, the director of public affairs, didn't know.

“All this is doing is creating a starting point,” he said. “I'll need somebody else to explain it, this is over my head. But it's not radical.”

He followed up with an email: “I'm told that the Florida Department of Education can help elaborate on the Utah field test,” he wrote.

Juan Copa, the deputy commissioner of accountability, research and measurement for the state Department of Education, did not return telephone queries placed to his office last week asking for an explanation. !



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"I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society but the people themselves;

and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their control with a wholesome discretion,

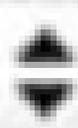
the remedy is not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education.

This is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power."

- *Thomas Jefferson 1820* -



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Passing along to you & Sam ...

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Subject: RE: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Employment Inquiry
Date: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:47:53 PM

Jenny,

Thanks so much for reaching out. I understand your readiness to serve and will definitely keep your resume and pass it along to others.

Please keep in touch over the next couple of months and I will do the same.

Best,

Elaine

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Warm regards,
Jenny Blalock

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Hi Elaine,

Thank you so much! I greatly appreciate that. I have attached an updated resume and will keep in touch!

Sincerely,
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Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

- **Doctoral Candidate in Educational Policy and Evaluation**
- **Master of Science in Educational Policy, Planning, and Analysis**, May 2010, 3.98 GPA

University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

- **Master of Education in English Education**, August 2001, 3.96 GPA
- **Bachelor of Arts in English**; minor in Secondary Education, August 2000, 3.52 GPA

EMPLOYMENT

Florida State University, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Fall 2014

- **Course Mentor** for EDA 5508- Teacher Leadership Development
- **Graduate Assistant** to Dr. Peter Easton, assisting with editorial duties for the *Comparative Education Review*, an academic journal investigating education throughout the world and the forces that shape it

Foundation for Excellence in Education, Independent Contractor, 2013-2014

- Summarized and analyzed state-level legislation with an impact on digital learning and conducted fact-checking for the Digital Learning Report Card

Leadership Florida, Director of Programs and Member Engagement, 2012-2013

- Oversaw all aspects of the class program, Leadership Florida's signature program; worked with alumni statewide to support their continued involvement; and provided educational programming to the Florida League of Mayors

Florida State University, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, 2010-2011

- **Research Assistant** for the National Center on Scaling Up Effective Schools, a research and development center funded by the Institute of Education Sciences. Duties included assisting with literature reviews, developing interview and focus group protocols and surveys, training in observation techniques, conducting fieldwork in schools, and analyzing data.

Foundation for Excellence in Education, Independent Contractor, 2010

- Conducted research and wrote reports used by Foundation leaders that focused on state educational landscapes and the status of various educational policy developments in those states

Florida State University, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, Fall 2009

- **Graduate Assistant** for the Department, assisted with coordinating a speaker series, took faculty meeting minutes, and carried out other administrative tasks

Executive Office of the Governor, Office of Policy and Budget, Education Policy Unit, **Florida Gubernatorial Fellow**, 2008

- Conducted research and wrote reports primarily on issues relating to teacher quality, recruitment, and retention

Florida Department of Education, Division of Accountability, Research, & Measurement, Office of Research and Evaluation, **Analyst**, 2007-2008

- Conducted research on a wide variety of education-related programs and policies; assisted in the creation of evaluations and reports; analyzed data and statistics

Florida State University, Department of Educational Leadership and Policy Studies

- **Teaching Assistant** for EDF 1005- Introduction to Education, Fall 2006
- **Research Assistant** to Dr. Stacey Rutledge on a project dealing with instructional practices and standards and assessments policies, Fall 2006 & Spring 2007

Literacy Volunteers of Leon County, Family Literacy Coordinator, 2006

- Oversaw the daily operations of a Family Learning Center for disadvantaged children and families including community outreach, recruiting and training volunteers, scheduling tutoring, creating and presenting workshops, and planning and executing summer programs, among other duties

The Villages Charter Middle School, The Villages, FL, **Teacher**, 2005

- Taught Creative Writing and Critical Thinking Skills

South Royalton School, South Royalton, VT, **Teacher**, 2001-2004

- Taught English, Social Studies, and Humanities; started and advised a creative writing anthology and taught free dance classes to students after school

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Florida Gubernatorial Fellowship- one of eleven university students chosen statewide (2008)
- Florida State University College Teaching Fellowship- for new graduate students and based upon academic achievement (2006-2007)
- Gerson Scholar- University of Florida, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences (1999-2000)
- Florida Academic Scholar (1997-2000)
- University of Florida Dean's List- 3 semesters
- Poem published in *Tea*, a University of Florida literary anthology (1999)
- University of Florida academic scholarship (1997)
- Scholarship grant for prospective educators by the Central Florida Chapter of Phi Delta Theta International (1997)
- Achievement scholarship from the Seminole Counseling Association (1997)

COMMUNITY SERVICE

- St. John's Episcopal Church- Mentoring Project, Steering Committee Member, 2014-present; Parish Outreach Commission, Member, 2013-2014; High School Sunday School Teacher, 2013-2014; Vacation Bible School, Volunteer, 2012-2014; YAMS (Young Adults, Married & Single), Leadership Team, 2011-2013
- Grace Mission Episcopal Church- Volunteer, 2010-present; Board Member, 2013-present; 2014 Evening of Grace Co-Chair
- Junior League of Tallahassee- Member, 2006-2010
- Kids Voting Leon County- Volunteer, 2006; Precinct Captain, 2008
- Ronald McDonald House of Tallahassee- Volunteer, 2006-2007

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Hi Rebecca,

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Message Body: EPA is entering the governor's race this Thursday.

EPA ANTICS ON SEA LEVEL RISE--GINA MCCARTHY'S MIAMI TRIP

EPA Administrator McCarthy is going to be in Miami October 8 during or close to a King Tide and I suspect call the high tide of the year due to global warming. The reason for the name of King Tide is given by Wikipedia that follows this paragraph. If global warming is blamed on King Tide's, this will be another example of EPA distorting science to promote their damaging policies for the nation.

I believe Hurricane Sandy hit New York in 2012 during a King Tide; it definitely was during a full moon.

"King tides are simply the very highest tides. Conversely, the low tides that occur at this time are the very lowest tides. They are naturally occurring, predictable events. Tides are actually the movement of water across Earth's surface caused by the combined effects of the gravitational forces exerted by the Moon and the Sun and the rotation of Earth which manifest in the local rise and fall of sea levels. Tides are driven by the relative positions of the Earth, Moon, and Sun, the elliptical orbits of the celestial bodies, land formations, and relative location on Earth. In the lunar month, the highest tides occur roughly every 14 days, at the new and full moons, when the gravitational pull of the Moon and the Sun are in alignment. These highest tides in the lunar cycle are called spring tides. The proximity of the Moon in relation to Earth and Earth in relation to the Sun also has an effect on tidal ranges. The Moon moves around Earth in an elliptical orbit that takes a

bout 29 days to complete. The gravitational force is greatest when the Moon is closest to Earth (perigee) and least when it is farthest from Earth (apogee – about two weeks after perigee). The Moon has a larger effect on the tides than the Sun but the Sun's position also has an influence on the tides. Earth moves around the Sun in an elliptical orbit that takes a little over 365 days to complete. Its gravitational force is greatest when Earth is closest to the Sun (perihelion – early January) and least when the Sun is farthest from Earth (aphelion – early July).

The king tides occur when the Earth, Moon and Sun are aligned at perigee and perihelion, resulting in the largest tidal range seen over the course of a year. Alignments that are 'near enough' occur during approximately three months each winter and again for three months in the summer.[contradiction] During these months, the high tides are higher than the average highest tides for three or four days. The predicted heights of a king tide can be further augmented by local weather patterns and ocean conditions. Winter king tides may be amplified by winter weather making these events more dramatic. In the northern hemisphere, the term king tide is used to describe each of these winter high tide events. On Australia's East Coast, the highest of each of these periods (i.e., one in winter and one in summer, totaling two per year) are known as the king tides. In this region of the world, the winter king tide usually occurs at night and therefore goes unnoticed. Consequently the summer king tide usually catches the most attention."

These activities are part of the reason the nation is going in debt between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion per day.

James H. Rust, Professor of nuclear engineering and policy advisor The Heartland Institute

On Tuesday, October 7, 2014 4:47 PM, U.S. EPA <usaepa@service.govdelivery.com> wrote:

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 7, 2014

THURSDAY: EPA Administrator Traveling to Miami for ABA Conference and King Tide Day

WASHINGTON – EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is visiting Miami on Thursday to keynote the American Bar Association's Environment, Energy, and Resources Fall Conference and to bring attention to the impact of our changing climate on rising sea levels in Miami. Administrator McCarthy will speak about the important role of the agency's enforcement and compliance program in protecting American communities from pollution, especially environmental justice communities. She will outline EPA's Next Generation Compliance strategy to harness advanced technologies and innovations to improve compliance with the nation's environmental laws.

The Administrator will then join Senators Nelson and Whitehouse, local Mayors, Florida International University and students for a press conference to recognize King Tide Day-- the highest tide of the year on Miami Beach, which often leads to extensive flooding. She will raise awareness about the importance of clean water and the need to act on climate change to prevent negative economic and community impacts from the rise in sea level. Following the press conference, Administrator McCarthy will meet with high school and college students from Miami-Dade County, who will be using sensors to measure water quality and the depth of flood water, to discuss the students' findings.

WHEN: Thursday, October 9, 2014

8:30 a.m. EDT

WHAT: Keynote address at the American Bar Association

WHERE: Trump National Doral Resort

4400 NW 87th Ave.

Miami, Fla. 33178

For more information about the event, go to: http://www.americanbar.org/news/abanews/aba-news-archives/2014/10/epa_administratorgi.html. For media credentialing, please contact Maria Gutierrez at 202-662-1091 or Maria.Gutierrez@americanbar.org.

10 a.m. EDT

WHAT: King Tide Press Conference with Florida International University and local Mayors

WHERE: 5th and Alton

Miami, Fla. 33139

WHO: Administrator Gina McCarthy

Bill Nelson, U.S. Senator from Florida

Sheldon Whitehouse, U.S. Senator from Rhode Island

Miami Beach Mayor Philip Levine Pinecrest Mayor Cindy Lerner

Dean Raul Reis, Florida International University School of Journalism and Mass Communication

President Mark Rosenberg, Florida International University

RSVP: Media who want to attend the press conference should email press@epa.gov.

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Subject: Meeting reminder
Date: Wednesday, October 08, 2014 10:46:38 AM

Good morning Class X,

This is a friendly reminder today that we are meeting today at 3:30pm in the Governor's large conference room. Our guest today is alumni association president Adam Giery. He will be covering upcoming events and we will also cover the policy proposal project due this spring. I will have some examples of previous winning projects for you as well.

A list of our weekly lecture series guests for the next few weeks can also be found below.
10/15—Dr. Ed Moore, President of the Independent Colleges and Universities of Florida
10/22—Mr. Jesse Panuccio, Executive Director of the Department of Economic Opportunity
10/29—Secretary Herschel Vinyard, of the Department of Environmental Protection

Thanks everyone and see you soon.

Ted

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Good Afternoon Board Members,

Please find the attached agenda and meeting packet for the 2pm Board meeting on Monday. We do not anticipate the meeting lasting much longer than one hour.

The call in information is below:

Toll Free Call in Number 1-888-670-3525.

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FLORIDA GUBERNATORIAL FELLOWS

Board of Directors Meeting
US Toll Free 1-888-670-3525
Participant Pass Code: 3360784946#
Monday, October 13, 2014
2:00pm – 4:00pm

- I. Call to Order – Chairman David Hart
- II. Approval of Minutes from April 22nd, 2014 Board Meeting (Attachment A)
- III. Approval of Minutes from June 12th, 2014 Board Meeting (Attachment B)
- IV. Executive Director Report
- V. Fundraising MOU Update
- VI. Update on the Selection of New Board Members
- VII. Discussion and Vote on *Hoffman Public Service Award* Candidate Cici Battle (Attachment C)
- VIII. Next Meeting
- IX. Adjournment

ATTACHMENT "A"



**Gubernatorial Fellows Program
Board of Directors Meeting
April 22, 2014 from 1:00pm – 4:00pm
Florida Capitol, Conference room 1602 and via Conference Call**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – Mr. Stephen Mitchell

Mr. Stephen Mitchell called the meeting of the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors to order at approximately 1:07pm. Board members present were Ms. Sara Struhs (via telephone), Governor Bob Martinez (via telephone), and Mr. Stephen Mitchell. Staff present included Ms. Elaine Jordan from the Executive Office of the Governor and Mr. Ted Stratton Executive Director of the Gubernatorial Fellows program.

II. Approval of February 21st, 2013 meeting minutes

Governor Martinez made the motion to approve the minutes from the February 21st, 2014 meeting and Ms. Struhs seconded. The minutes were approved.

III. Fundraising Plan Update

Mr. Mitchell gave a brief update on the fundraising plan and notified the board members that discussions were being held with representatives from Volunteer Florida Foundation. The board planned to revisit the topic at the next board meeting after future planned discussions with Volunteer Florida were concluded.

IV. Director's Report

Executive Director Stratton gave an update on several different areas of the program including the success of the current and graduating class, the trips and speakers over the past semester and the recruiting and interview process for the new incoming class. Mr. Stratton reported that for the second year in a row First Lady Scott hosted the Fellows at the Governor's mansion for a private tour and tea. He also reported on recent trips the fellows took to Washington DC and through the Florida Panhandle. Highlights included recent guests to meet with the Fellows such as Senator Bill Nelson, five members of the US House of Representatives, the Director of FEMA, three Judges from the Panhandle, the mayors of Destin and Pensacola along with various other civic and business leaders. Mr. also informed the board of the job opportunities and offers that many of the current Fellows had already received including positions with local and state government, law firms, and within higher education. Mr. Stratton concluded by informing the board that recruiting went very well and that the pool of candidates to make up the next class was very strong.

V. Discussion on Possible New Board Members

Mr. Stratton spoke about the process of selecting new board members as outlined in the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows bylaws. Next the Board discussed the list of names that had received the most suggestions from current members. After Director Stratton gave some background information on all the possible new members and current board members discussed the list, the board decided on five names to move forward in the process. The names included, Samantha Padgett, Tyler Cathey, Judge Marcia Cooke, Marty Fiorentino, and Don Defosset. The members of the board then discussed and decided on who would contact each possible new member to gauge their interest on serving on the Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors. Finally it was decided that after hearing from each person on the list the board would vote during a summer meeting on a final nominations list to be sent to the Governor.

VI. Vote on Hoffman Public Service Award Applicant Margaret Sanders

Mr. Stratton spoke through the application and supervisor recommendation for Hoffman Public Service Award candidate Margaret Sanders. Ms. Sanders was a member of the eighth class of Florida Gubernatorial Fellows and went on to be employed full time at the Division of Emergency Management followed by the Florida Department of Health. After a brief discussion Ms. Struhs moved to vote on awarding Ms. Sanders the Hoffman Public Service Award. Mr. Mitchell seconded the motion and the board unanimously voted to grant Ms. Sanders the award.

VII. Ratification of Chester Spellman to the Board of Directors as the Volunteer Florida Designee

Upon board member Mr. Mitchell's request, Director Stratton spoke on the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows bylaws and specifically addressed section 2.2 which related to the composition of the board. In that section it is written that the Chairperson of the Volunteer Florida Foundation board of Directors, or their designee, is automatically a member of the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows board of Directors. Mr. Stratton informed the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors that the Chairperson of the Volunteer Florida Foundation Board of Directors, Ms. Aileen Pruitt, designated Mr. Chester Spellman to serve as her designee. Mr. Spellman currently serves as the CEO of Volunteer Florida. Ms. Struhs moved to ratify Mr. Spellman's selection as a member of the board and Mr. Mitchell seconded. The board voted in favor of the motion and the selection of Mr. Chester Spellman to the board was formally ratified.

VIII. Vote on Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement

Over the next hour and fifteen minutes the finalists for the Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement were introduced to the board and afforded the opportunity to present their policy proposal projects and answer questions of the Board of Directors. New board member Mr. Chester Spellman joined the meeting during these presentations and was present for the remainder of the meeting. The finalists and the title of their projects can be found below:

- a. Alex Andrade and David Mica Jr., *Losing "The Campaign" Why Florida Should Refocus its Workplace on Sensible Giving*
- b. Carlos Paez, *Investing in Life: Addressing the Public Health and Economic Issue of Suicide*
- c. Margaret Spicer, *Taskforce for the Stars: Addressing the Aerospace Industry's Critical Workforce Need in Florida*

After the presentations by the finalists all board members present commented on how strong the papers and presentations were this year. The board discussed the different candidates and openly ranked each presentation. Both Governor Martinez and Mr. Mitchell voted on Alex Andrade and David Mica's project in first place. Ms. Struhs voted their project in second place and Mr. Paez's project in first place. Mr. Spellman did not vote because an obligation to the VFF board kept him from seeing the entire first presentation. After tallying the points awarded for first and second place votes it was determined by Mr. Stratton and the board that Alex Andrade and David Mica Jr. were the winners. Mr. Mitchell moved to award the Jeb Bush Award for Outstanding Achievement to Mr. Andrade and Mr. Mica jr. and Governor Martinez seconded. The motion passed and the voted carried unanimously.

IX. Vote on Washington DC Fellowship Award for Outstanding Leadership

Director Stratton presented the names and application packets for the two candidates; Ms. Margaret Spicer and Ms. Shavecca Snead. The board asked a few questions related to the students' placements, programs of study, and overall time as Fellows. Mr. Stratton answered the questions and also presented the board with the written statement from Mr. Doug Callaway, the Director of Governor Scott's Washington DC office who previously interviewed each candidate. After a short discussion Ms. Sara Struhs moved to select Margaret Spicer as the winner of the Washington DC Fellowship Award. Governor Martinez seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

X. Adjournment

Mr. Mitchell asked if there were any additional comments related to the meeting. The board agreed to hold the next meeting in the early part of the summer to discuss the fundraising agreement progress and final nominations for new board members. Board members then said thank you to one another and agreed to speak at the next meeting. Mr. Mitchell asked if there was a motion to adjourn. Ms. Struhs moved to adjourn and Governor Martinez seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at approximately 3:30pm.

ATTACHMENT "B"



**Gubernatorial Fellows Program
Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2014 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm
Florida Capitol, Conference Room and via Conference Call**

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order – Chairman David Hart

Chairman David Hart called the meeting of the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors to order at approximately 2:05pm. Board members present via telephone were Secretary Glenda Hood, Governor Bob Martinez, Mr. Stephen Mitchell, and Mr. Chester Spellman. Present in the Governor's large conference room with Chairman David Hart were Ms. Elaine Jordan from the Executive Office of the Governor and Mr. Ted Stratton Executive Director of the Gubernatorial Fellows program.

II. Director's Report

Director Stratton gave his report to the board which began with an update on the new class and trends over the past three years related to recruitment, Fellows selection, and agency project proposal submissions. All three areas saw increases each year. Mr. Stratton also updated the board on the upcoming Fellows orientation, recent positive feedback and requests from various agency heads, and concluded with an update on where members of the most recent Fellows class landed for professional employment and graduate school.

III. 2014-2015 Class X Budget

The board discussed the proposed budget for the 2014-2015 academic year after Mr. Stratton commented on each budget line. The budget did not change significantly and only saw slight increases to the "supplies" and "events" budget lines. The total proposed budget for the tenth program year of Florida Gubernatorial Fellows was \$109,780.00 up from \$108,000.00 for the 2013-2014 academic year. It was noted that the program has run in recent years on less than \$70,000 a year and that the budget line item of "Hoffman Public Service Awards" was cautiously estimated at \$30,000. This estimate keeps with tradition and accounts for all eligible Fellows from the previous three classes applying for and receiving the award in the upcoming fiscal year. This scenario has never occurred and most recent years have seen five to ten alumni members be granted the award and stipend in a single year. Mr. Mitchell moved to approve the proposed 2014-2015 class X budget and Mr. Spellman seconded. The motion carried and the board unanimously voted to approve the budget.

IV. Fundraising Plan Update

Mr. Mitchell gave the board an update on the discussions with the Volunteer Florida Foundation related to the formal agreement on having VFF (and their fundraiser) raise money for the program. The board discussed the progress and members granted Mr. Mitchell the authority to move forward and finalize the Memorandum of Understanding between the two parties, pending no major changes to the discussed and agreed upon terms.

V. Update on New Board Members

Chairman Hart referred the board to the handout containing the names of the people the board previously agreed upon for possible nomination to the Florida Gubernatorial Fellows Board of Directors. The names included, Samantha Padgett, Tyler Cathey, Judge Marcia Cooke, Marty Fiorentino, and Don Defosset. Mr. Stratton commented that each person was contacted and would like to serve if selected by the Governor. The only exception being Judge Marcia Cooke. Board member Ms. Sara Struhs reached out to Judge Cooke several times but Judge Cooke failed to respond. The members of the board then discussed the nomination of Ms. Kelly Layman, a name that was suggested by Ambassador Hoffman. The board reviewed Ms. Layman's resume and discussed her background in state government, education, and public service. After continued discussion, Mr. Mitchell moved to have Ms. Layman replace Judge Cooke as the final name on the list and Secretary Hood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

VI. Executive Director Salary

Mr. Stratton was excused from the room while the board discussed the salary of Executive Director Stratton. Mr. Mitchell presented a document he prepared that recommended and requested that the salary of Mr. Stratton be increased by \$5,000.00. The board agreed and voted in favor unanimously. Ms. Jordan then agreed to work with the board, Chairman Hart, and EOG administration, to deliver the document to the appropriate parties inside the Department of Education. Mr. Stratton was invited back into the room where Chairman Hart delivered the news.

VII. Other Business

Chairman Hart shared with the board the news that Mr. Stratton's wife was expecting their first child in January. The board congratulated Mr. Stratton and asked for details. Mr. Stratton provided details, thanked everyone and informed the Board of Directors that he planned (with permission) to take two weeks off after the birth to be with his wife and new daughter. The board again congratulated Mr. Stratton and wished he and his family well.

VIII. Adjournment

The board agreed to hold the next meeting in the early fall and asked Mr. Stratton to coordinate a date that worked. Chairman Hart asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Hood moved to adjourn and Mr. Mitchell seconded. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting ended at approximately 1:45pm.

ATTACHMENT "C"



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE

Rick Scott, Governor

Christina K. Daly, Interim Secretary

October 6, 2014

Ted Stratton, Executive Director
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RE: Christin (CiCi) Battle

Dear Mr. Stratton:

Pursuant to Florida Personnel Rules, Chapter 60L-35, Performance Evaluation System, and Department of Juvenile Justice policies and procedures, performance evaluations are not required for individuals performing as Other Personnel Services (OPS) employees, volunteers, interns or mentors within the agency.

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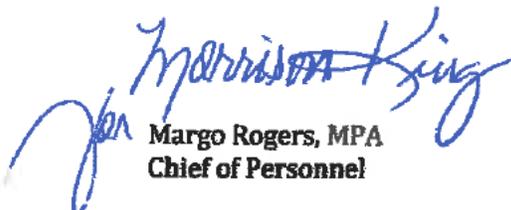
The employment information that you have requested for Ms. Battle is as follows:

DATES:	POSITION:	SALARY
02/25/2013 through 06/13/2013	OPS Legal Assistant (part-time)	\$10.00 / per hour
06/14/2013 through 09/19/2014	OPS Government Operations Consult I	\$20.00 / per hour

Please note an employee's official personnel file may be reviewed at the Department of Juvenile Justice, Bureau of Personnel, located at 2737 Centerview Drive in Tallahassee, FL or by way of a public records request. Please contact Ms. LaKay Allen at (850) 717-2651 for assistance.

If you have additional questions, please contact Mr. Eugene Morris at 850-717-2424.

Sincerely,


Margo Rogers, MPA
Chief of Personnel

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The mission of the Department of Juvenile Justice is to increase public safety by reducing juvenile delinquency through effective prevention, intervention, and treatment services that strengthen families and turn around the lives of troubled youth.

October 8, 2014

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RE: Christin (Cici) Battle

Dear Mr. Stratton:

I was Ms. Christin "Cici" Battle's supervisor from June 14, 2013 through September 19, 2014 while she served as the Youth Engagement Coordinator in the Office of Prevention and Victim Services with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. During that time, Ms. Battle demonstrated personal commitment, initiative and relentless determination to complete each of her assignments in a satisfactory manner.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Eugene Morris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Eugene Morris

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To: [Jordan, Elaine](#)
Subject: Checking In to Meet
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 10:26:25 AM
Attachments: [David_ward_Law_School_Resume_\(1\).pdf](#)

Ms. Jordan,

Hope all is well on this Friday for you. I recently sat down with Adam Giery, and we had a discussion about my future, and his advice based on his past experiences was very helpful. He also suggested that I reach out to you to discuss my future after law school - which is coming soon in May 2015.

I was wondering if you thought you might have a chance to sit down in the coming weeks, if only briefly, to chat so that I could absorb some of your career advice, knowing what you know about the political and professional career landscape in Florida. I know the next few weeks in EOG are incredibly busy, but I wanted to try and meet with you prior to Nov. 4 if possible.

I've attached my resume to this email, just in case you'd like to review it. I've have a variety of legislative, agency, legal, event planning, and policy experiences, and I'm attempting to figure out how to best use most of these skills after I graduate. Thank you so much for your time in reading this email and I hope to hear from you soon. Enjoy the weekend!

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Thanks,
David Ward

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Tallahassee Bar Association

Young Alumni Development Council, FSU Foundation

Legislative Intern, Rep. Seth McKeel, Appropriations Chairman

Florida State University

Tallahassee, FL

Bachelor of Arts, English Writing, May 2012

Enrolled in Honors Program

GPA: 3.37/4.0

Interfraternity Council, President

Student Foundation Board of Trustees, Chairman

Southeastern Interfraternity Conference, President

Student Conduct Board, Chief Justice

Fraternity Man of the Year, Southeastern United States (SEIFC)

EXPERIENCE

Gubernatorial Fellows Program

Tallahassee, FL

Department of Economic Opportunity

August 2014 – May 2015

Strategic Business Development

Selected by Gov. Rick Scott's staff as one of ten graduate students from across the state to serve an executive agency. Work with Division of Strategic Business Development ensuring compliance and accountability for multi-million dollar contracts between the state and private businesses.

de Beaubien, Knight, Simmons, Mantzaris & Neal, LLP

Orlando, FL

Summer Associate

May 2014 – August 2014

Served as sole Summer Associate for Orlando, Tampa, and Tallahassee offices. Responsible for research and pretrial legal strategy for complex commercial litigation. Reported research and arguments involving real estate, securities, insurance, mortgage, and transactional litigation directly to named partners. Attended hearings, pretrial conferences, and trials with named partners.

House of Representatives Legislative Intern Program

Tallahassee, FL

Appropriations Committee

October 2013 – May 2014

Selected as a member of a class of graduate students to serve a committee in the Florida House of Representatives. Assisted in extensive bill analysis and worked with members and committee staff analyzing the state's appropriations capabilities. Responsible for analyzing economic impact of legislation and examining funding implications for all of Florida's state agencies.

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

Tallahassee, FL

Rulemaking and Policy Analyst

May 2013 – August 2013

Reconstructed agency rules and coordinated private industry concerns to create policy complying with state statutes and federal regulations. Aided general counsel in drafting commercial and recreational fishing regulations for Florida's marine environments.

Friedman and Abrahamsen

Tallahassee, FL

Summer Legal Intern

May 2012 – August 2012

Performed research assignments related to a variety of criminal legal defenses. Worked with named partners preparing pre-trial evidence analysis and daily business operations.

VOLUNTEER & AWARDS

- Eagle Scout Rank – Boy Scouts of America
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From: jyblalock@comcast.net
To: [Jordan, Elaine](#)
Subject: Kim McDougal email?
Date: Friday, October 10, 2014 12:39:03 PM

Hi Elaine,

I was wondering if you know the best way to contact Kim McDougal since she is working on the campaign? I have written up some notes regarding education issues and the debates and wanted to share them with her just in case they might be helpful. Do you know if she has a campaign email or is her EOG one still applicable? Thank you very much for any help you can offer.

I hope you have a great weekend!
Jenny

From: "Elaine Jordan" <Elaine.Jordan@eog.myflorida.com>
To: "Blalock, Jennifer" <jyblalock@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 2:47:52 PM
Subject: RE: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Employment Inquiry

Jenny,

Thanks so much for reaching out. I understand your readiness to serve and will definitely keep your resume and pass it along to others.

Please keep in touch over the next couple of months and I will do the same.

Best,
Elaine

From: jyblalock@comcast.net [mailto:jyblalock@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, October 01, 2014 2:32 PM
To: Jordan, Elaine
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Employment Inquiry

Hi Elaine,

I just wanted to say hello and touch base with you about any possible future employment opportunities within the Governor's Office. As you may remember from our previous conversations, I have been trying since my children were born to work on a flexible schedule, often part-time or on a contract basis, in order to be with them as much as possible. While this has been wonderful in many ways, it has been very challenging from a professional and financial perspective. Since my youngest is turning three this weekend and my parents have moved to Tallahassee, I am very eager to find full-time employment sometime in the next couple months.

I have been staying busy, still working on my dissertation for the Education Policy and Evaluation doctoral degree and serving as a course mentor for an Educational Leadership masters course at FSU. I also just co-chaired a fundraiser for Grace

Mission, an outreach mission located in Frenchtown that serves the homeless, poor, and children in need in that community. From December 2013 to April 2014, I worked on a contract basis for the Foundation for Excellence in Education with their Digital Learning Now initiative, writing bill summaries/analyses and helping with the production of the Digital Learning Report Card.

I am extremely interested in the debates occurring around the direction of our state's education policies- testing, standards and curriculum, teacher merit pay, and school choice. I think that my background as a teacher, researcher, and policy analyst provide me with a high level of knowledge and insight into these issues. I would love to be a part of helping to shape the direction of the Governor's education agenda and formulate strategies for conveying his priorities and goals. I know with the upcoming election there is not a lot of hiring going on, but I am confident he will be reelected and that there will be a great deal of debate around education policy in Florida in the years to come. I have submitted a legislative employment application and expressed my interest to Kathy Mizereck in the House as well. I considered reaching out to Kim McDougal, but was not sure how to go about doing this since she is currently working with the Governor's campaign.

I appreciate you keeping me in mind if any positions become available and would be happy to send you any other information or meet to talk about possibilities at any time. I hope that you are doing well!

Warm regards,
Jenny Blalock

From: [LaShunda Hill](#)
Subject: Register today for Pew's JRI National Conference!
Date: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:52:45 PM
Attachments: [Justice Reinvestment National Summit - Agenda.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Greetings:

My name is LaShunda Hill, with the Pew Charitable Trusts. I wanted to make sure you got your personal invitation from Pew for the Justice Reinvestment National Summit in November. This will be the largest convening to date of all the states that have championed criminal justice/public safety reforms. It will be a really great opportunity to share lessons with each other and hear from experts. I will be serving as your point of contact for any Summit related questions or logistical issues. The Summit is in San Diego, CA on November 17-19, 2014. You should have already received a formal save the date and invite from Pew via email. If you have not received the email invite, please let me know and I can make sure you receive all the information you need. Also, if you have any additional questions regarding the summit or any of the logistical details, please feel free to contact me directly.

Co-hosted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this gathering will bring together policymakers and leaders from 30+ states and will be an opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). As an attendee, you may choose from more than 20 sessions over two days, focusing on a variety of critical issues and preparing you and your colleagues to sustain success and maintain momentum for justice reform. Policymakers, program administrators, field experts, and reform leaders will share their experiences, compare common obstacles, identify opportunities for success, and discuss emerging research on effective policies that protect public safety while controlling corrections costs. I have attached an updated conference agenda for the Justice Reinvestment National Summit for you to peruse.

In addition to our general conference sessions, you are also invited to join us for invitation-only pre-conference sessions beginning at noon on Monday, November 17. You will receive information on these sessions in late October.

I hope you are able to join us for this unprecedented opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. **Hundreds of state officials have already registered, but space is limited.**

To secure a room at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, register by 10am ET on Tuesday, October 21st. Below are the registration links.

We have extended invitations to the Florida officials listed below. In advance of the Summit, you may wish to contact your colleagues to coordinate your attendance or discuss key issues facing your system.

Name	Role
Bob McClure	President, James Madison Institute

David Ensley	Bureau Chief of Research and Data Analysis, FL Department of Corrections
Geoffrey Beck	Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Jorge Labarga	Incoming Chief Justice, FL Supreme Court
Michael Crews	Secretary, FL Department of Corrections
Mike Dew	Chief of Staff, FL Department of Corrections
Will Kendrick	Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Corrections

Please contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you in San Diego soon!

All the best,

LaShunda Hill

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You are cordially invited to the [Justice Reinvestment National Summit: Sustaining Success, Maintaining Momentum](#) on November 17-19, 2014 at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel in San Diego, CA.

Co-hosted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this gathering of key decision makers from more than 30 states is an opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). We will celebrate successes, wrestle with obstacles to implementation and sustainability, and develop plans for creating lasting change in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

The conference will begin with a welcome reception on Monday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m. The main program will begin on Tuesday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m. and conclude on Wednesday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register. If you are unable to attend, please [click here](#).

Travel and Lodging Information

Upon registration, you will receive instructions for booking your flight through The Pew

Charitable Trusts' online travel agent. Any hotel or flight booked outside of Pew's travel agent cannot be reimbursed.

Pew will cover expenses for two (2) nights' lodging at the [Hilton Bayfront Hotel](#) and up to \$600 per person for coach air travel and ground transportation to the extent permitted under applicable federal and state gift and ethics rules. Meals will be provided and participants will be responsible for any incidental charges.

Please direct questions regarding travel and logistics to Colleen Kennedy at ckennedy@pewtrusts.org.

We hope you will be able to join us for this unprecedented opportunity to share lessons learned with colleagues from across the country and chart the course of our nation's justice system.

Sincerely,

Adam Gelb, Director

Public Safety Performance Project
The Pew Charitable Trusts

Denise E. O'Donnell

Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

Michael Thompson, Director

The Council of State Governments Justice Center

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SAN DIEGO, CA - NOV 17-19, 2014

Monday, November 17, 2014

11:00 am - 6:30 pm	Registration
12:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Pre-Conference Sessions <i>Invitation Only</i>
3:00 pm - 4:30 pm	Putting It All Together: How The Office of Justice Programs Can Help
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm	Welcome Reception

Tuesday, November 18, 2014

7:30 am - 4:00 pm	Registration				
8:00 am - 9:00 am	Continental Breakfast				
9:00 am - 10:30 am	Welcome and Keynote Address <i>Assistant Attorney General Karol Mason, Office of Justice Programs</i>				
10:45 am - 12:00 pm	Preparing Community Supervision Systems for Lasting Change	The Ongoing Role of Prosecutors: Three Case Studies	Sustaining Change Through Communication	Engaging Judges in Justice Reinvestment	Performance Measures: Using Data to Improve Policy Implementation
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm	Lunch Plenary				
1:30 pm - 2:45 pm	Oversight Councils as Reform Leaders	Ensuring Quality in Correctional Programming	Reinvestment: One-Time Appropriation or Enduring Funding?	Leading and Maintaining Reform in the Legislature	Performance Measures: Prioritizing Beds for Serious, Chronic, Violent Offenders
3:00 pm - 3:45 pm	Afternoon Plenary <i>Grover Norquist, Americans for Tax Reform</i>				
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm	What Works in Drug Policy	The 21 st -Century Parole Board	Getting the Most Out of Behavioral Health Services	Performance Measures: Improving Recidivism as a Performance Measure	
5:30 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception				

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

8:00 am - 10:15 am	Registration				
7:30 am - 8:45 am	Continental Breakfast and State Discussions				
9:00 am - 10:00 am	Criminal Justice in the Press <i>Moderator: Bill Keller, The Marshall Project</i>				
10:15 am - 11:30 am	Appetite For Reform: Harnessing Public Opinion and Building Broad Support	Aligning Incentives	Moving on to Juvenile Justice Reform	Projections Meet Reality	Show Me the Evidence: Documenting Success To Build On Reforms
11:45 am - 12:30 pm	Keynote and Closing Remarks				
12:30 pm - 2:00 pm	Departing Lunch				



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From: [Aynsley Harrison](#)
Subject: Stoplight Networking Happy Hour
Date: Tuesday, October 21, 2014 10:21:03 AM

Hey!

Exciting news! The Leadership Institute, America's Future Foundation, the Heritage Foundation and possibly another organization TBA will be hosting a Career Networking Happy Hour on November 12th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at 201 Bar near Capitol Hill! The basic idea is to put job seekers and recruiters in the same room but in a more casual setting than a job fair. Job seekers, networkers, and the awesome recruiters will be denoted by a colored name tag.

Speaking of awesome, I was wondering if you and anyone else from your organization would like to attend as recruiters? Those willing to wear the red recruiter nametags automatically get 2 free drinks!

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Best regards,

[Aynsley Harrison](#)
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From: [Deason, Mallory](#)
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Subject: FW: VOUCHER FOES REIGNITE CHALLENGE TO NEW LAW
Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2014 4:34:32 PM

From: The News Service of Florida[SMTP:INFO2@NEWSSERVICEFLORIDA.COM]
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By JIM SAUNDERS
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From: [Dana Edwards](#)
To: [Beck, Carol](#)
Subject: Would you be interested in writing about Governor's Mansion art for JMI's blog?
Date: Tuesday, October 28, 2014 4:20:02 PM

Hi Mrs. Beck!

I hope this email find you well! The James Madison Institute has a blog about all things Florida-related (www.floridaverve.org). I'm helping the blog editor with content ideas and we are hoping to have guest writers contribute content to the blog in addition to JMI staff. The blog features a photo of the week from the Florida Memory archives, photo essays of work by Florida photographers of Florida scenes, Florida book reviews, and more - I've even written some movie reviews and I'm planning on writing a "weird Florida laws" article for election season. I thought it would be neat to showcase Florida art as well and wondered if you'd have suggestions or would even guest write a post here and there. I remembered working with you on showcasing Governor's Mansion art when I was younger and thought those would be really neat historical information for the Florida Verve. I know you are very busy, but I'd be happy to hear your thoughts and suggestions when you have the chance!

Thanks and hope to see you soon!
Dana

Dana Edwards
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From: [Beck, Carol](#)
To: [Dana Edwards](#)
Subject: RE: Would you be interested in writing about Governor's Mansion art for JMI's blog?
Date: Wednesday, October 29, 2014 2:14:23 PM

Dear Dana,

Thanks so much for writing and for your inquiry! Please excuse the slight delay; have been out and then playing catch up!

LOVE your idea. 😊 Let's wait until after the election to discuss, ok? 😊 I'm sure that we can put our heads together and come up with something interesting! Cheers and thanks! Carol

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From: [Bruce Grant](#)
To: [Bruce Grant](#)
Cc: [Rocky McPherson](#); [Heather Cave](#); [Marcy Sanders](#); [Camila Hornung](#)
Subject: FDSTF Update -- November 3, 2014
Date: Monday, November 03, 2014 1:49:31 PM
Attachments: [Award Announcement FY 2015 -- signed.docx](#)
[Military Benefits Handbook-2014-F.PDF](#)
[Principi Report- Oct 14.pdf](#)

FDSTF Members –

1. **Next Task Force Meeting** -- The next Task Force meeting will be **Thursday, November 20, 2014** at the **Crowne Plaza Pensacola Grand Hotel, 200 East Gregory Street, Pensacola, Florida 32502** beginning at 9:00 AM CST.
2. **2014 Florida Military Friendly Guide** – The updated 2014 version of the Florida Military Guide is currently at the printer and will be distributed in hard copy in the next few weeks. The electronic version is already posted on the web site on the right side of the home page: <http://www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf/> Electronic version attached to this email.
3. **Attachments:**
 - FDSTF Grants 2015 – Announcement Letter with all grants listed
 - New version of Florida Military Friendly Guide
 - TPG monthly Report

Regards, BG.

Bruce Grant

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Articles of Interest:

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BRAC Authority Needs Updating, Heritage Executive Says

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When Washington gets around to crafting the authority for a new round of base closures, there are a number of guidelines defense officials and lawmakers should consider, according to a recent commentary in [National Interest](#). The Pentagon should integrate its processes for rightsizing its infrastructure overseas and domestically, writes James Jay Carafano, vice president of the Heritage Foundation, a conservative think tank. “What the future American basing structure in Europe looks like ought to be just as important as how many bases the DOD keeps in Texas,” Carafano writes. “DOD should have an infrastructure management mechanism that seamlessly addresses both, rather than decide overseas and domestic basing needs through separate stovepipes.”.....

Sequestration Presents Greater Threat than BRAC, Virginia Defense Affairs Secretary Says

<http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/sequestration-presents-greater-threat-than-brac-virginia-defense-affairs-secretary-says/#>

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Virginia’s military installations are more likely to gain new missions than contract in a future BRAC round, John Harvey Jr., the commonwealth’s secretary of veterans and defense affairs, said this week. “Virginia has an awful lot to offer, and I think we have a lot to gain from a BRAC process,” Harvey told the Quantico/Belvoir Regional Business Alliance. One factor in Virginia’s favor is that the state’s installations are well-suited for all three of the military’s growth areas — special operations, cybersecurity and intelligence, reported [InsideNOVA](#).....

FDSTF –

Florida Communities to Receive \$2.6M to Strengthen Local Installations

[http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/florida-communities-to-receive-2-6m-to-strengthen-local-installations/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=a057baedd9-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-a057baedd9-55784537&ct=t\(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN\)#](http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/florida-communities-to-receive-2-6m-to-strengthen-local-installations/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=a057baedd9-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-a057baedd9-55784537&ct=t(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN)#)

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Thirteen projects in 10 counties were awarded \$2.6 million through the Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Program to strengthen the state’s bases ahead of possible realignment actions by DOD, Florida Gov. Rick Scott (R) announced Monday. “We will continue to work to make Florida the best place in the nation for military service members and their families to live and work, and this \$2.59 million in Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants will further help us support our military installations,” Scott said, according to a [press release](#).....

Jacksonville and Clay County get defense grants for local interests

<http://www.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/news/2014/10/27/jacksonville-and-clay-county-get-defense-grants.html>

Jacksonville Business Journal © Oct 27, 2014

The governor's office awarded \$500,000 in grants to Northeast Florida defense projects. The Florida 8(a) Alliance in Jacksonville and the Clay County Development Authority will receive \$500,000 in Florida Defense Support Task Force Grants from the governor's office. The funds will go to benefit the Florida 8(a) Alliance and Camp Blanding, according to a news release. The Florida 8(a) Alliance, which works with those in the defense business, will get \$100,000 to provide a gateway for industries looking for small business suppliers and to support veteran-owned and defense industry businesses. By providing training, mentoring, marketing and development, this will help them connect with other defense-related small businesses.....

DOD Budget–

Prospects for Enacting Relief from Sequester Improve as Global Crises Mount

[http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/prospects-for-enacting-relief-from-sequester-improve-as-global-crises-mount/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=a057baedd9-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-a057baedd9-55784537&ct=t\(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN\)#](http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/prospects-for-enacting-relief-from-sequester-improve-as-global-crises-mount/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=a057baedd9-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-a057baedd9-55784537&ct=t(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN)#)

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The confluence of multiple unplanned demands on the nation’s military and the possibility that Republicans will capture the Senate are helping the chances that Congress acts to shield the Pentagon from the full impact of the 2011 Budget

Control Act spending caps starting in fiscal 2016. While it remains unlikely that Congress will abolish the stringent caps, the prospects are decent that it will provide some relief, Todd Harrison, senior fellow at the Center for Strategic and Budgetary Assessments, told the [Hill](#).....

Readiness to Decline again if Spending Caps Remain, Army Officials Warn

[http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/readiness-to-decline-again-if-spending-caps-remain-army-officials-warn/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=c4e3e3197b-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-c4e3e3197b-55784537&ct=t\(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN\)#](http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/readiness-to-decline-again-if-spending-caps-remain-army-officials-warn/?utm_source=dc360&utm_campaign=c4e3e3197b-RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_04f8ff45e8-c4e3e3197b-55784537&ct=t(RSS_dc360_EMAIL_CAMPAIGN)#)

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Senior Army leaders are increasingly concerned about the health of the force, as the department faces new demands and the likely return of sequester's full impact in fiscal 2016. Unless Congress acts to relax the 2011 Budget Control Act spending caps, the Army's end strength, modernization and readiness will remain out of balance at least until 2019, Maj. Gen. Gary Cheek, assistant deputy chief of staff for operations, said last week. It could take the Army as long as four years to fully recover from that state, he said.

DOD Budget Picture Remains Unfavorable, Comptroller Says

<http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/dod-budget-picture-remains-unfavorable-comptroller-says/#>

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Congress most likely won't provide any long-term budget guidance until next spring when lawmakers will need to deal with the expiration of the debt ceiling, Pentagon Comptroller Mike McCord said this week. McCord said he's not looking for lawmakers to act on the Budget Control Act spending caps when they return to Washington following next week's elections, reported [Defense One](#). "We don't really expect that there's going to be some kind of a budget deal. It doesn't seem that likely in the lame duck session," McCord said in his first public speech since becoming comptroller after Bob Hale retired.....

Gates Blasts Lawmakers Over Sequestration

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20141030/DEFREG02/310300041/Gates-Blasts-Lawmakers-Over-Sequestration>

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By JOE GOULD

Former US Defense Secretary Robert Gates ripped Washington on Thursday over sequestration budget caps, saying Congress' inability to reach a budget compromise was causing "grave damage" to the US military, homeland security and other essential government operations. "The most illustrative and appalling example of Congress' abdication of responsibility is [sequestration](#)," Gates said during an intelligence and national security forum hosted by SAP National Security Services here. "If there is a more stupid way to cut the federal budget, I am unable to imagine it.".....

Is America's Defense Budget Too Small?

<http://nationalinterest.org/feature/americas-defense-budget-too-small-11581>

National Interest © October 31, 2014

Over the last quarter century, Washington's primary tool for divesting infrastructure the armed forces no longer needs has been the Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) process. But the Pentagon needs better tools if it is to manage its massive global footprint efficiently. Throughout this summer of serial chaos, American interests have suffered setbacks on every critical front from Asia to the Middle East. The silver lining is that these harrowing challenges have helped most members of Congress see that [it makes no sense to take a "peace dividend" when there is no peace](#). As a result, lawmakers in 2016 are likely to abandon the current cycle of ever-constricting defense budgets, which has demonstrably cut the capacity and capability of our armed forces.

MacDill AFB –

Troop removals not necessarily bad for MacDill

<http://tbo.com/list/news-opinion-commentary/troop-removals-not-necessarily-bad-for-macdill-20141026/>

Tampa Tribune © October 26, 2014

BY SCOTT SCHLIMMER

At first blush, removing American troops from Afghanistan and the Middle East might seem bad for MacDill Air Force Base and Tampa. MacDill houses the U.S. military's Central Command (CENTCOM), which is responsible for Afghanistan and the Middle East, which could shrink if work were reduced in those parts of the world. A smaller MacDill would hurt the Tampa economy. However, President Obama and Secretary of State John Kerry's desire for "no boots on the ground" does not necessarily mean less demand for CENTCOM. What we're seeing is less of a "pull out" and more of a change in how wars are fought. This could be the future of warfare.....

MacDill AFB campaign gets \$150,000 grant to support base's future

<http://tbo.com/list/military-news/macdill-afb-campaign-gets-150000-from-state-grant-20141028/>

Tampa Tribune © October 28, 2014

By Howard Altman | Tribune Staff

Will MacDill Air Force Base still be around in the year 2025? To help ensure the answer to that is yes, the state has awarded a regional support group \$150,000 to help bolster the future of a base that pumps \$5 billion into the local economy every year. Gov. Rick Scott on Tuesday announced the Tampa Bay Defense Alliance will receive the money for the continued development of a strategic marketing campaign for MacDill, according to the governor's office.....

Eglin AFB –

Eglin hones Ebola response

<http://www.nwfdailynews.com/military/eglin/eglin-hones-ebola-response-1.394647>

Northwest Florida Daily News © October 31, 2014

By LAUREN SAGE REINLIE | Daily News

Stepping out of the isolation area, airmen slowly rolled down the hoods of each other's plastic suits. "Fold it under, fold it under," said Karla Parish, a public health specialist at Eglin Air Force Base, leading the airmen to remove their protective clothing slowly without letting any part touch skin. The base conducted an exercise Wednesday practicing their response to a massive, worst-case-scenario Ebola outbreak. The purpose was to test the extent of their resources and give everyone on base a chance to review response policies for infectious disease outbreaks.....

Sequester Versus F-35

<http://www.airforcemag.com/DRArchive/Pages/2014/November%202014/November%2003%202014/Sequester->

[Versus-F-35.aspx](#)

Air Force Magazine © November 3, 2014

BY JOHN A. TIRPAK

If sequestration resumes in Fiscal 2016, “there will be an impact” on the F-35 production buys for all three US services, but it remains to be seen how much, program manager [Lt. Gen. Christopher Bogdan](#) said. Bogdan noted that the F-35 buy was largely protected by the services in the last bout with sequester, and the services are anxious to buy the jets as fast as possible. The Navy is only planning to buy two in '16, and it “can’t go much below two,” Bogdan told reporters on Oct. 30. However, the Marine Corps “has made it clear they need as many airplanes as they can get,” and the Air Force has “shown a tremendous commitment to keep on the ramp” the numbers it plans to buy, he reported. Sequester could affect Lots 9-11, in which the buy is now planned to be broken out, respectively, as follows: Low-Rate Initial Production Lot 9 would include 57 aircraft, of which 34 are for the US; in LRIP 10, 96 aircraft, of which 55 are for the US; and in LRIP 11, 121 airplanes, of which 68 are for the US. The request for proposals on LRIP 9 will go out shortly and Lockheed Martin and Pratt & Whitney should return their proposals in January or February. Bogdan said he expects the Lot 9 negotiations to wrap up “about a year from now.”

Tyndall AFB –

Grants will fund defense support projects

<http://www.newsherald.com/military/tyndall-air-force-base/grants-will-fund-defense-support-projects-1.392657>

News Herald © October 27, 2014

By CHRIS OLWELL

Gov. Rick Scott announced more than \$1.1 million in projects and programs designed to make life a little easier for military personnel and their families in the Panhandle on Monday, about a week before Election Day, and some of that money will end up in Bay County. CareerSource Gulf Coast is getting \$150,000 from the Florida Defense Support Task Force (FDSTF), which is chaired by Rep. Jimmy Patronis, for a plan to identify industries where someone transitioning from the military to civilian life could find a good job. The project is part of a partnership with Tyndall Air Force Base to spur local economic development.....

Patrick AFB –

Reserve wing ensures safe passage for GPS satellite launch

<http://www.afrc.af.mil/news/story.asp?id=123429844>

Air Force Reserve Command © October 29, 2014

by 920th Rescue Wing Public Affairs

Reservists from the 920th Rescue Wing provided range-clearance and safety support for the successful launch of a

United Launch Alliance Atlas V rocket from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station at 1:21 p.m. today. The payload for today's launch included the Air Force's eighth Block IIF navigation satellite for the Global Positioning System. GPS IIF-8 is one of the next-generation satellites, incorporating various improvements to provide greater accuracy, increased signals, and enhanced performance for users.....

NAS Key West –

New \$12.5M station for Navy firefighters

<http://keysnews.com/node/59756>

Keys News © October 30, 2014

BY ADAM LINHARDT Citizen Staff

It's been more than 30 years in the making, but Naval Air Station Key West firefighters will soon be moving out of the 1940s era airplane hangar they've long called home into a new \$12.5 million building at Boca Chica Field. "Getting a new firehouse has been a long time coming," said NAS Key West commanding officer Capt. Steve McAlearney. "The building they are currently in has just been eroding over the years, so we've finally gotten the money and approvals to go forward. The contractor will also demolish the old building, which makes more room on the flightline, increasing safety out there.....

Defense Industry –

Pentagon Officials To Meet With Industry Chiefs in Weekend Strategy Session

<http://www.defensenews.com/article/20141030/DEFREG02/310300031/Pentagon-Officials-Meet-Industry-Chiefs-Weekend-Strategy-Session>

Defense News © October 30, 2014

By PAUL McLEARY

The Pentagon's top weapons buyer is meeting with a leading industry group and several top defense CEOs over the weekend to talk through his latest acquisition reform initiative. On Saturday morning, Frank Kendall, undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics, will sit down with Boeing CEO Chris Chadwick, Lockheed Martin CEO Marillyn Hewson and others in a meeting chaired by Aerospace Industries Association (AIA) Chairman Mike Strianese.....

Other Items of Interest –

UWF receives \$350K grant for military

<http://www.pnj.com/story/news/military/2014/10/27/uwf-receives-k-grant-military/18032983/>

Pensacola News-Journal © October 27, 2014

By Kaycee Lagarde

The University of West Florida will receive \$350,000 to develop educational courses and industry certifications for military service members and their families, part of an approximately \$1.1 million in grants awarded to Northwest Florida this year from the Florida Defense Support Task Force. According to a news release Monday from Gov. Rick Scott's office, the grant will help UWF develop courses and certifications in information technology and cybersecurity workforce, which will be available to active duty, reserve and retired military and their family members.....

State grants \$750,000 for cybersecurity training

<http://tbo.com/list/military-news/state-grants-750000-for-cybersecurity-training-20141029/>

Tampa Tribune © October 29, 2014

By [Howard Altman](#) | Tribune Staff

Sometimes, there is a silver lining to a perfect storm, and that's what the creators of a new cybersecurity training program for veterans hope to capture. A recent study by IBM showed that the vast majority of cybersecurity breaches have a human element. And there is a large regional population of education-seeking veterans who still have, or can easily regain, their security clearance. To help meld the need to stem a growing problem with a potentially large workforce that can help, the state Department of Economic Opportunity has awarded a \$750,000 grant to the not-for-profit National Cyber Partnership for Cyber Foundations, a pilot program to prepare Tampa-area veterans and others for high-skill, high-wage jobs in the cyber industry.....

DOD Plan Points the Way toward Sustainability

<http://www.defensecommunities.org/headlines/dod-plan-points-the-way-toward-sustainability/#>

Defense Communities 360 © November 2, 2014

The Pentagon on Friday released a long-term plan for mitigating the risk posed by climate change effects including flooding, surging sea levels, severe weather and extreme temperatures that calls for "managing the unavoidable and preparing for the possible." "There are plenty of things we can do to mitigate the risk, but in order to mitigate risk, you have to recognize that it exists," said John Conger, acting deputy undersecretary of defense for installations and environment. Conger added that he considers the military's ability to cope with expected environmental changes his top concern.....

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Florida Defense Support Task Force

September 19, 2014

SUBJECT: Announcement of FY 2015 Florida Defense Support Task Force Grant Awards

The Florida Defense Support Task Force met on September 18, 2014 to consider funding applications for projects that would accomplish the mission of the Task Force and support the goals outlined in the Task Force Strategic Plan. After careful review of the fourteen applications submitted for funding from the Florida Defense Support Task Force for FY 2015, the Task Force approves the 13 applicants listed below to receive grant awards. One application was withheld from consideration pending an October site visit in Key West.

Applicant	Project	Award
Santa Rosa County	Site clearing to improve force protection at NAS Whiting Field	\$20,654
Tampa Bay Defense Alliance	Execute strategic plan (MacDill 2025) to champion MacDill AFB	\$150,000
Polk County	Protect Avon Park Range from incompatible land use through acquisition of land or specific property rights	\$500,000
Clay Count Development Authority	Purchase of 159 acres adjacent to Camp Blanding to provide buffer from incompatible land development and encroachment	\$400,000
National Center for Simulation (Orlando)	Implement strategic plan to retain Team Orlando and address office space shortage	\$240,000

Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County	Continued development of public-private partnerships to improve the military value of Eglin AFB and Hurlburt Field	\$285,000
Bay County	Expand Bay County Intelligent Transportation System to synchronize traffic lights on access roads to Tyndall AFB	\$200,000
Space Florida	Implement Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) component to emergency response exercise at Camp Blanding	\$38,500
Florida 8 (a) Alliance	Develop defense industry and veteran owned small business growth and job creation	\$100,000
Air Force Enlisted Village	Provide assistance in construction of veterans housing in Ft. Walton Beach area	\$135,000
Florida's Great Northwest	Implement marketing program to aerospace and defense industries to bring veterans jobs to NW Florida	\$25,000
Career Source Gulf Coast	Provide meaningful employment and training services to transitioning military members	\$150,000
University of West Florida	Implement program to identify and train military and veterans in information technology and cybersecurity skills	\$350,000
	TOTAL	\$2,594,154



Representative Jimmy Patronis

Chairman, Florida Defense Support Task Force



2014 FLORIDA MILITARY-FRIENDLY GUIDE

*A Summary of Sunshine State Laws,
Programs and Benefits for
Active Duty, National Guard and
Reserve Service Members and Families*

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This guide can be downloaded from the
Florida Defense Support Task Force website:
www.enterpriseflorida.com/fdstf



Welcome

GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE



Welcome to Florida!

On behalf of all Floridians, I welcome you to the Sunshine State and thank you for your military service. As you perform your military duties, Florida wants to support you and your family during your service. I deeply appreciate your commitment and dedication to the United States and the defense of freedom. Florida is especially committed to assisting military families in any way possible as our uniformed military members go in harm's way to protect our nation.

The *Florida Military-Friendly Guide* is intended to help you understand the many programs and benefits that the state of Florida has implemented to support and assist military members and their families. This guide compiled by the Florida Defense Support Task Force contains a summary of various advantages military service members and their families enjoy while being stationed and living in Florida.

I will continue to work hard to maintain Florida's reputation as the most military-friendly state in the Nation.

Finally, I cannot adequately express our gratitude for all you do for our national defense, but hope you understand how grateful we are for your service, dedication, and patriotism.

Rick Scott
Governor

STATE OF FLORIDA

2014 FLORIDA MILITARY-FRIENDLY GUIDE

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NOTE: Statutes, benefits and programs apply to all categories: active duty, National Guard and Reserve unless designated/restricted to only components shown in parentheses.

NG = National Guard R = Reserve

Shaded items are new or changed for 2014.

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PROTECTIONS

1. Protection Against Deceptive and Unfair Trade Practices

Provides military service members and their family members the same heightened protections afforded to senior citizens and persons with disabilities against deceptive or unfair trade practices; penalizes a person who willfully victimizes a military service member or family member.

[\(F.S. 501.2077\)](#)

2. Protection Against Unfair Insurance Practices

Protects active military service and their covered dependents from unfair practices in certain rate increases in motor vehicle insurance. Provides protection from motor vehicle insurance premium increased or reinstatement fees for new policies. Active military personnel are to be considered maintaining continuous coverage for purposes of determining premium rates. [\(F.S. 626.9541\)](#)

3. Protection Against Cancellation of Health Insurance

Any health insurance policy, certificate, or evidence of health coverage which provides coverage to a member of the Florida National Guard, or a member of any branch of the United States military reserves who is a resident of this state, called to active duty or state active duty, must continue all coverages that were in effect for the person, or the person's dependents covered by the same policy, at the premium in effect for all insured under the same contract, unless the employee or insured requests coverage changes that might alter the premium he or she was paying prior to such activation during the time he or she serves on active duty. Additionally, it must reinstate the coverage for any such person who elects not to continue it while on active duty or state active duty, at the person's request upon return from active duty or state active duty, without a waiting period or disqualification for any condition that existed at the time he or she was called to active duty or state active duty. Such reinstatement must be requested within 30 days after returning to work with the same employer or within 60 days if the policy is an individual policy.

[\(F.S. 250.341\)](#)

4. Protection for Termination of Rental Agreements

Service members who terminate residential leases due to military duty will be protected under the following specific provisions:

- **No Retaliation.** No Landlord may sue or otherwise attempt to retaliate against a tenant who terminated a lease because of military duties.
- **No Discrimination.** Landlords may not discriminate against military personnel. Discrimination on the basis of military status creates a cause of action against the landlord for civil damages.
- **Expansion of Criteria Which Allow a service member to Terminate a Lease.** Service members may terminate their leases within the purview of the statute when the service member:
 - Moves permanently 35 or more miles from the rental premises;
 - Is prematurely or involuntarily discharged or released from Active Duty;
 - Is released from Active Duty when the leased premises is at least 35 miles from the home of record;
 - Is required or eligible to move into government quarters; and/or
 - Moves temporarily for over 60 days to a location which is 35 or more miles from the rental premises.
- **The Liquidated Damages Clause is No Longer Available in the Case of Military Termination of Lease.** Removes provisions requiring the payment of liquidated damages to the landlord under certain circumstances upon termination of a rental agreement. ([F.S. 83.682](#))

5. Protection for Termination of Telecommunications Service

Service members may now terminate their telecommunications (i.e. cell phone) service contracts by providing 30 days' notice to the service provider if any of the following occur: 1) The service member moves, either permanently or on temporary duty for over 60 days, outside the area which the service provider provides telecommunications service; 2) The service member is discharged or released from duty and either returns to an area not serviced by the telecommunications service provider or the service member's home of record does is not so serviced by the provider; and/or 3) The service members orders require a move outside the continental United States. Upon such termination the service member is only liable for the amount due under the contract for the period up to the effective date (which is the end of the 30 day notice period). ([F.S. 364.195](#))

6. Protection for Termination of Motor Vehicle Leasing

Service members may terminate motor vehicle leases by providing 30 days written notice to the lessor if either the service member is required to move outside the continental United States; or the service member receives orders for a period exceeding 60 days for duty outside the continental United States or for a temporary change of station. The service member is then liable for only the amount due under the contract to the end of the 30 day notice period. The statute specifically states that the lessee is not liable for any other fee due to the early termination of the contract. Further, the protection may not be waived or modified by the contract between the service member and the lessor under any circumstances.

(F.S. 520.14)

7. Protection for Termination of Mobile Home and Vehicle Registration

Any service member, whose mobile home registration expired while he or she was serving on active duty or state active duty, shall not be charged with a violation of Florida Statute 320.07 if, at the time of the offense, the service member was serving on active duty or state active duty 35 miles or more from the mobile home. The service member must present to the department either a copy of the official military orders or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to receive a waiver of charges.

(F.S. 320.07)

8. Protection for Cancellation of Motor Vehicle Insurance

An Insurer must refund 100% of the unearned premium if an insured service member cancels due to either a call to Active Duty or transfer to a location where the insurance is not required. There is language in the statute preserving claims originating prior to the effective date of cancellation. If the insurer cancels, the insurer must refund 100 percent of the unearned premium. Cancellation is without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the effective date of the cancellation. For purposes of this section, unearned premiums must be computed on a pro rata basis.

(F.S. 627.7283)

9. Relief for Payment of Initial Binder – Motor Vehicle Insurance

Service members and dependents are not required to pay 2 month's premium on motor vehicle insurance normally required of citizens of Florida upon initial issuance of insurance.

(F.S. 627.7295)



10. Protection Against Insurance Rate Increases and Refusal of Policy Renewals for Persons in Military Service

Prohibits insurers from charging an increased premium for reinstating a motor vehicle insurance policy that was canceled or suspended by the insured solely for the reason that he or she was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. It is also prohibits an insurer from charging an increased premium for a new motor vehicle insurance policy if the applicant for coverage or his or her covered dependents were previously insured with a different insurer and canceled that policy solely for the reason that he or she was transferred out of this state while serving in the United States Armed Forces or on active duty in the National Guard or United States Armed Forces Reserve. For purposes of determining premiums, an insurer shall consider such persons as having maintained continuous coverage.

[\(F.S. 626.9541\)](#)

No insurer shall fail to renew a policy for reasons based entirely on the sex, occupation, marital status, residence, military service, or age of the insured, or on the principal place of garaging the insured vehicle in this state, or based on any combination of such factors. No insurer shall fail to renew a policy for reasons based on the race, color, creed, or national origin of the insured or for any reason which is arbitrary or capricious.

[\(F.S. 627.728\)](#)

11. Protection for Termination to Purchase Real Property

Service members may terminate agreements to purchase realty prior to closing if any of the following occur: 1) The service member has a permanent change of station which is 35 or more miles from the location of the property; 2) The service member is released from Active Duty and the property is more than 35 miles from the service member's home of record; 3) The service member receives orders requiring him or her to move into government quarters or does, in fact, move into government quarters; or 4) The service member receives orders in excess of 90 days which involve a temporary change of station which is 35 miles or more from the property. The seller, mortgagor and/or their agents must refund any funds provided by the service member. Further, no other fees may be assessed against the service member. These protections cannot be waived or modified. (F.S. 689.27)

12. Protection for Sale, Foreclosure or Seizure of Property for Nonpayment

Service members are protected against sale, foreclosure, or seizure of property for nonpayment of any sum due under any obligation, or for breach of the terms of such obligation. These are not valid if made during the period of state active duty or active duty or within 30 days thereafter, unless upon an order previously granted by the court and a return made to and approved by the court. This protection applies only to obligations secured by a mortgage, trust deed, or other security in the nature of a mortgage upon real or personal property owned by a person in state active duty or active duty at the commencement of the period of state active service and still owed by her or him, which obligation originated prior to such person's period of state active service. (F.S. 250.5205)

13. Protection of Late Voting Registration

Provides for deployed servicemembers to be allowed late registration for voting. An individual or accompanying family member who has been discharged or separated from the uniformed services or the United States Merchant Marine, has returned from a military deployment or activation, or has separated from employment outside the territorial limits of the United States, after the book-closing date for an election pursuant to s. 97.055 and who is otherwise qualified may register to vote in such election until 5 p.m. on the Friday before that election. (F.S. 97.055)



LICENSES, REGISTRATIONS AND FEES

14. Concealed Weapons or Firearms Licenses

Current service members and veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces can be issued concealed weapon or firearm licenses even if they are not 21 years of age, the usual minimum age eligibility requirement, provided that they are otherwise eligible for licensure. (F.S. 790.062) Current service members and military veterans can meet the firearms training/competency requirement for the issuance of a concealed weapon or firearm license if they include proper documentation with their applications reflecting active-duty status or honorable discharge from military service. (F.S. 790.06) Additionally, service members with concealed weapon or firearm licenses who are serving on military orders away from their residence are granted an extension of the normal expiration date of their licenses. In such circumstances, a service member's license will not expire for 180 days after the date upon which the service member returns from serving on military orders.

(F.S. 790.06)

15. Discounts at State Parks

The Florida Park Service offers the Annual Entrance Pass at a discount or free of charge to persons who present satisfactory written documentation which demonstrates their eligibility.

- 25% discount on Annual Entrance Passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.
- Free Lifetime Military Entrance Passes for honorably discharged United States veterans who have service-connected disabilities.
- Free Lifetime Military Entrance Passes for surviving spouses and parents of deceased members of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard who have fallen in combat.

(FS.258.0145)



16. Discounts at State Forests

The Florida Forest Service offers the Annual Entrance Pass at a discount or free of charge to persons who present satisfactory written documentation which demonstrates their eligibility.

- \$10.00 discount on Annual Entrance Passes for active duty and honorably discharged veterans of the United States Armed Forces, National Guard or reserve units of the U.S. Armed Forces or National Guard.
- Free Lifetime Military Entrance Passes for honorably discharged United States veterans who have service-connected disabilities.

(Reference: [Florida Forest Service, Policy and Procedure Manual](#))

17. Specialty Motor Vehicle License Plates

Combat Infantryman's Badge, Vietnam War Veterans, Korean Conflict, National Guard, Pearl Harbor, Iraqi Freedom, Enduring Freedom, Purple Heart, Support Our Troops, Disabled Veteran, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Veterans, All Services, Paratrooper, and VFW. ([F.S. 320.08058](#))

18. Considered Florida Resident for Recreational Fishing and Hunting Licenses

Any member of the United States Armed Forces who is stationed in the state and their family members residing with them are considered Florida residents for the purposes of purchasing recreational fishing and hunting licenses. [\(379.101 \(30\) \(b\)\)](#)

19. Military Gold Sportsman License

Provides low cost sportsman license to active or retired members of the Armed Forces who are Florida residents. Any Florida resident who is an active or retired member of the United States Armed Forces, the United States Armed Forces Reserve, the Florida National Guard, the United States Coast Guard or the United States Coast Guard Reserve is eligible to purchase the Military Gold Sportsman's License upon submission of a current military identification card and military orders showing that you are stationed in Florida (active members) or a Florida Driver's License. The Military Gold Sportsman's License includes Hunting, Saltwater Fishing and Freshwater Fishing licenses; and Deer, Wildlife Management Area, Archery, Muzzle-loading Gun, Crossbow, Turkey and Florida Waterfowl, Snook and Lobster permits. It does not include tarpon tags or the federal duck stamp. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission (FWC) offers the license to active duty and retired military that are stationed in Florida or have lived in the state for six months and claim Florida as their primary residence. The reduced-fee annual license (\$20) offers the same privileges as the traditional Gold Sportsman's License (\$100). Military Gold Sportsman's Licenses can only be purchased at a County Tax Collector's Office. [\(F.S. 379.354\)](#)

20. Operation Outdoor Freedom for Wounded Warriors

Operation Outdoor Freedom is an endeavor of the Florida Forest Service that provides recreational opportunities to wounded veterans. Designated state and agricultural lands throughout Florida grant these veterans unique opportunities for recreation and rehabilitation. Participants must have a service-connected disability incurred while serving during wartime as defined in s. 1.01(14) or peacetime defined in s.296.02.

[\(Reference: Florida Forest Service, Policy and Procedure Manual\)](#)

21. Motor Vehicle Driver's License Extensions

Service members and family members residing with them are granted an automatic license extension without reexamination when the license expires while serving on active duty outside the state. [\(F.S. 322.121\)](#)

22. Surveyors and Mappers

For members of Armed Forces in good standing with the board: Any member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is now or in the future on active duty and who, at the time of becoming such a member of the Armed Forces, was in good standing with the board and entitled to practice or engage in surveying and mapping in the state shall be kept in good standing by the board, without registering, paying dues or fees, or performing any other act on his or her part to be performed, as long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and for a period of 6 months after discharge from active duty, provided that he or she is not engaged in the practice of surveying or mapping in the private sector for profit.

For family members: The board shall adopt rules exempting the spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' duties with the Armed Forces. (F.S. 472.016)

Spouses of members of the Armed Forces of the United States are exempt from licensure renewal provisions, but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' duties with the Armed Forces. Copies of the military orders requiring the change in duty station must be sent to the Board office in order to qualify for the exemption. Upon receipt of the military orders by the Board office confirming exemption eligibility, the spouse's license will be placed on inactive status with no fee required. Reactivation of the inactive license will not require payment of the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C. The license will remain in inactive status for up to two renewal cycles at which time the licensee must either renew this exemption, before expiration, by submitting a current set of orders establishing eligibility for the exemption or reactivate the license. The licensee may reactivate the license by submitting an application for change of status from inactive to active and will not be required to pay the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C., nor be required to comply with any rules setting conditions for reactivation of licensure, including continuing education requirements imposed by Section 455.271(10), F.S. If a license is not reactivated nor the exemption renewed by the expiration date, the license shall become delinquent. Reactivation of the delinquent license will not require payment of the fee set forth in Rule 5J-17.070, F.A.C. (5J-17.007 F.A.C.)



LICENSURE

23. Professional Licensure

Provides that professional licenses issued to any member of the Florida National Guard or the United States Armed Forces Reserves shall not expire while the member is serving on federal active duty and are exempted from all license renewal requirements for the duration of active duty and a period of 6 months after discharge. Also requires the Department of Business and Professional Regulation and its boards to adopt rules to exempt military spouses for license renewal provisions when absent from the state due to his/her spouse's military duty. (F.S. 455.02) Additionally, authorizes a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States to be issued a temporary license to practice a profession in Florida. The applicant's spouse must be on active duty and assigned to a duty station in Florida. The applicant must hold a valid license for the profession in another state, the District of Columbia, any United States territory or possession, or a foreign jurisdiction. The temporary license is valid for six months.

Requires the department to waive the initial licensing fee, the initial application fee, and the initial unlicensed activity fee for military veterans who apply for a license within 24 months of honorable discharge. (F.S. 455.213)

24. Engineer Licensure/Exam

Allows applicants for professional engineering examination who are delayed in taking the examination due to reserve or active duty service in the U.S. Armed Forces an additional two attempts to take the examination before the board may require additional college-level education or review courses. (F.S. 471.013)

25. Health Professional Licensure

Provides that health professional licenses issued to any member of the Armed Forces of the United States be kept in good standing without registering, paying dues or fees, or perform-

ing any other act on his or her part so long as he or she is a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty and for a period of six months after discharge. (F.S. 456.024) (F.S. 401.271) (F.S. 468.309)

Additionally, exempts the spouse of member of the Armed Forces of the United States from licensure renewal provisions but only in cases of absence from the state because of their spouses' duties with the Armed Forces. (F.S. 456.024) (F.S. 401.271) (F.S. 468.309)

Provides that a spouse of an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is on active duty to be issued a temporary license to practice in Florida. The applicant's spouse must be assigned to a duty station in Florida. The applicant must be otherwise entitled to full licensure under the appropriate practice act, and is eligible to take the respective licensure exam as required in Florida. The applicant must hold a valid license for the profession in another state, the District of Columbia, or a possession or territory of the United States. The temporary license is valid for 12 months after the date of issuance and is non-renewable. An applicant who is issued a temporary professional license to practice as a dentist pursuant to this section must practice under the indirect supervision, as defined in s. 466.003, of a dentist licensed pursuant to chapter 466. (F.S. 456.024)

The Agency for Health Care Administration has special consideration for spouses of active duty military that allows them to enroll in Florida Medicaid as a provider. The Department of Health issues a temporary medical license with the status: Temporary Military Active – the licensed practitioner has a spouse serving in the Armed Forces of the United States and is authorized to practice his/her profession in the state of Florida for a period of 12 months. (F.S. 456.024)

26. Temporary Certificates for Active Duty Military Personnel Practicing in Areas of Critical Need

A person who serves or has served as a health care practitioner in the U.S. Armed Forces is eligible for licensure in Florida. The applicable department will waive the application fee, licensure fee and unlicensed activity fee for these applicants. (F.S. 459.00761)

27. Nursing Licensure

Provides for transfer of nurse licensing for spouses of military members. An applicant for licensure by endorsement who is relocating to this state pursuant to his or her military-connected spouse's official military orders and who is licensed in another state that is a member of the Nurse Licensure Compact shall be issued a license by endorsement upon submission of the appropriate application and fees and completion of the criminal background check. (F.S. 464.009)

28. Medical Licensure

Rear Admiral LeRoy Collins, Jr., Temporary Certificate for Practice in Areas of Critical Need

Provides that medical doctors may be issued a limited license to practice in Areas of Critical Need. For experienced military physicians who might not qualify for or are not interested in applying for a full Florida license to practice medicine, this law provides the opportunity to serve Florida patients in those areas where health care is most needed. The physician however must have served as a physician in the United States Armed Forces for at least 10 years and received an honorable discharge from military service. [\(F.S. 458.315\)](#)



TAX AND FINANCIAL BENEFITS

29. Homestead Exemption on Property Taxes and Ad Valorem Tax Exemption

Authorizes veterans and service members who are deployed in certain military operations to receive additional homestead exemptions as well as ad valorem tax exemptions. Provides that valid military orders transferring military service members are sufficient to maintain permanent residence status of service member and spouse for purposes of such determination by property appraiser. [\(F.S. 196.173\)](#)



UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION AND EMPLOYMENT PROTECTION / ASSISTANCE

30. Unemployment Compensation for Spouses of Members of the Military

Provides that a person is not disqualified for unemployment compensation benefits who voluntarily leaves employment due to relocation as a result of his or her spouse's military orders. Allows the spouses of active duty military members who voluntarily resign from their jobs to keep the family intact as a result of the military members' change of station orders or deployment to become eligible for unemployment compensation benefits. (F.S. 443.101)

31. CareerSource — Employment and Assistance

Provides employment assistance to military spouse and dependents. CareerSource shall establish an employment advocacy and assistance program targeting military spouses and dependents. This program shall deliver employment assistance services through military family employment advocates collocated within selected one-stop career centers. Persons eligible for assistance through this program shall include spouses and dependents of active-duty military personnel, Florida National Guard members, and military reservists. Military family employment advocates are responsible for providing the following services and activities: (a) Coordination of employment assistance services through military base family support centers, Florida's one-stop career centers, and veteran support organizations. (b) Training to one-stop career center managers and staff on the unique employment needs and skills of military family members. (c) Promoting and marketing the benefits of employing military family members to prospective employers. (d) Assisting employment-seeking military family members through job counseling, job search and placement services, the dissemination of information on educational and training programs, and the availability of support services. (e) Other employment assistance services CareerSource, deems necessary. (F.S. 445.055)

32. National Guard Members Employment Protection (NG)

National Guard Service members are protected and will not to be penalized by employers and postsecondary institution when ordered into state active duty. A private or public employer, or an employing or appointing authority of this state, its counties, school districts, municipalities, political subdivisions, career centers, community colleges, or universities, may not discharge, reprimand, or in any other way penalize such member because of his or her absence by reason of state active duty. Employers are prohibited from discharging reemployed service members, for a period of one year, except for cause. (F.S. 250.482)

33. Leave and Pay to State Employees for Military Service (NG, R)

All officials of the state, the several counties of the state, and the municipalities or political subdivisions of the state, including district school and community college officers, which officials are also service members in the National Guard or a reserve component of the Armed Forces of the United States, shall be granted leave of absence from their respective offices and duties to perform active military service, the first 30 days of any such leave of absence to be with full pay. (F.S. 115.09) Additionally, after the first 30 days of full pay, public employers may supplement the military pay of its employees who are reservists in federal active duty in an amount necessary to bring their total salary, inclusive of their base military pay, to the level earned at the time they were called to active military duty. (F.S. 115.14)

34. Additional Leave for State Employees on National Guard Duty (NG)

Increases the amount of annual leave of absence granted to officers and employees of the state, counties, municipalities, and political subdivisions of the state who are commissioned reserve officers or reserve enlisted personnel in the U.S. military or naval service or who are members of the National Guard from 17 days to 30 days. (F.S. 115.07)



EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS

SERVICE MEMBERS

35. In-State Tuition Rates

Certain military and family members receive in state tuition rates. (F.S. 1009.21)

36. Tuition Waivers

Requires state universities and community colleges to waive undergraduate tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence that fulfills specified criteria. (F.S. 1009.26)

37. College Credit for Military Training and Education Courses

Members of the United States Armed Forces can earn college credit for college-level training and education acquired in the military. (F.S. 1004.096)

38. Course Withdrawal for Military Service

Any student enrolled in a postsecondary course or courses at a career center, a Florida college System institution, or a state university shall be permitted the option of either completing the course or courses at a later date without penalty or withdrawing from the course or courses with a full refund of fees paid. If the student chooses to withdraw, the student's record shall reflect that the withdrawal is due to active military service. (F.S. 1004.07)

39. Special Category Tuition Waivers

Requires state universities and community colleges to waive undergraduate tuition for a recipient of a Purple Heart or other combat decoration superior in precedence that fulfills specified criteria. (F.S. 1009.26)

40. National Guard Educational Dollars for Duty Program (NG)

The Educational Dollars for Duty (EDD) Program will be paid at 100% of the charged resident rate for Florida community colleges and public universities, and the average current state resident rate for private universities. EDD will pay for courses that matriculate toward a Technical Certificate, Associates, Baccalaureate, or Master's Degree and will pay for training in post-secondary institutions and technical centers to obtain industry certifications approved by the Department of Education. The Educational Dollars for Duty Program is for individuals who enter the Florida National Guard for the first time after June 30, 1997. Approval and payment of tuition is subject to annual appropriation.

FAMILY MEMBERS

41. Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Florida is a member of the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children. The annual dues assessment for the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children shall be paid within existing resources by the Department of Education. It is the purpose of this compact to remove barriers to educational success imposed on children of military families because of frequent moves and deployment of their parents by:

- A. Facilitating the timely enrollment of children of military families and ensuring that they are not placed at a disadvantage due to difficulty in the transfer of education records from the previous school district or variations in entrance or age requirements.
- B. Facilitating the student placement process through which children of military families are not disadvantaged by variations in attendance requirements, scheduling, sequencing, grading, course content, or assessment.
- C. Facilitating the qualification and eligibility for enrollment, educational programs, and participation in extracurricular academic, athletic, and social activities.
- D. Facilitating the on-time graduation of children of military families.
- E. Providing for the adoption and enforcement of administrative rules implementing this compact.
- F. Providing for the uniform collection and sharing of information between and among member states, schools, and military families under this compact.
- G. Promoting coordination between this compact and other compacts affecting military children.
- H. Promoting flexibility and cooperation between the educational system, parents, and the student in order to achieve educational success for the student

(F.S. 1000.36)

42. Accommodation in Schools for the Transition for Children of Military Families

Provides priority placement in gifted, special needs and voucher programs for the children of military members. Additionally, provides for smooth transition for children of military families coming into Florida by improving timely transfer of records, establishing procedures to lessen the impact of moves, providing services for transferring students, and giving them first preference in special academic programs. The Department of Education shall assist in the transition by promoting practices which foster access to extracurricular programs, establishing procedures to lessen the adverse impact of moves from the end of the junior year as well as before and during the senior year, encouraging or continuing partnerships between the military base and the school system, providing services for transitioning students when applying to and finding funding for postsecondary study, and providing other assistance as identified by department, school, and military personnel. Finally, dependent children of active-duty military personnel who otherwise meet the eligibility criteria for special academic programs offered through public schools shall be given first preference for admission to such programs even if the program is being offered through a public school other than the school to which the student would generally be assigned and the school at which the program is being offered has reached its maximum enrollment.

(F.S. 1003.05)

43. Exit Exam Graduation Requirements for High School Seniors of Military Families

In order to facilitate the on-time graduation of children of military families, states and local education agencies shall accept exit or end-of-course exams required for graduation from the sending state, national norm-referenced tests, or alternative testing, in lieu testing requirements for graduation in the receiving state. (F.S. 1000.36, Article VII Section B)

44. Florida Participates in the Interstate Compact on Educational Opportunity for Military Children

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(F.S. 1000.36)



FAMILY SUPPORT

45. Support to Family Members Codified in Florida law

Florida extends Service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) to include early termination of auto leases, cell phone agreements and other commonly leased or contracted items listed in this handbook. Florida Law incorporates, by reference, both the Service members Civil Relief Act (SCRA) and the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA). The SCRA is a federal law which addresses many of the same issues as Florida Law. (F.S. 250.82) USERRA (F.S. 115.15) is the federal law which affords employment protections and rights to service members.

46. Assistance for Dependents of Service Members on Active Duty

Provides that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for a specified period following the termination of the service member's orders and his/her return home. (F.S. 250.5206)

47. Assistance for National Guard and Reserve Service Members on Active Duty (NG, R)

Provides need-based financial assistance to eligible service members of the Florida National Guard and United States Reserve Forces, including the Coast Guard Reserves, who are on active duty serving in the Global War on Terrorism and who are federally deployed or participating in state operations for homeland defense, and eligible families of such service members. Program funds may be used in emergency situations to purchase critically needed services, including, but not limited to, reasonable living expenses, housing, vehicles, equipment or renovations necessary to meet disability needs, and health care. Additionally, provides that eligibility for the Family Readiness Program continues for a specified period following the termination of the service member's orders and his/her return home. (F.S. 250.5206)

48. Soldier and Airman Assistance Program (NG)

Provides financial assistance and services to eligible service members of the Florida National Guard and eligible members of their families. The program shall be administered by the Department of Military Affairs. The program provides assistance for housing, living expenses, vehicle repair and rental, and health care. (F.S. 250.116)



49. Child Custody

Provides that a parent's activation, deployment, or temporary assignment to military service and resultant temporary disruption to the child may not be the sole factor in granting petition for or modification of permanent time-sharing and parental responsibility. Additionally, provides for deployed military service men and women to designate a family member or stepparent to exercise their visitation rights while the service member is deployed. (F.S. 61.13002)

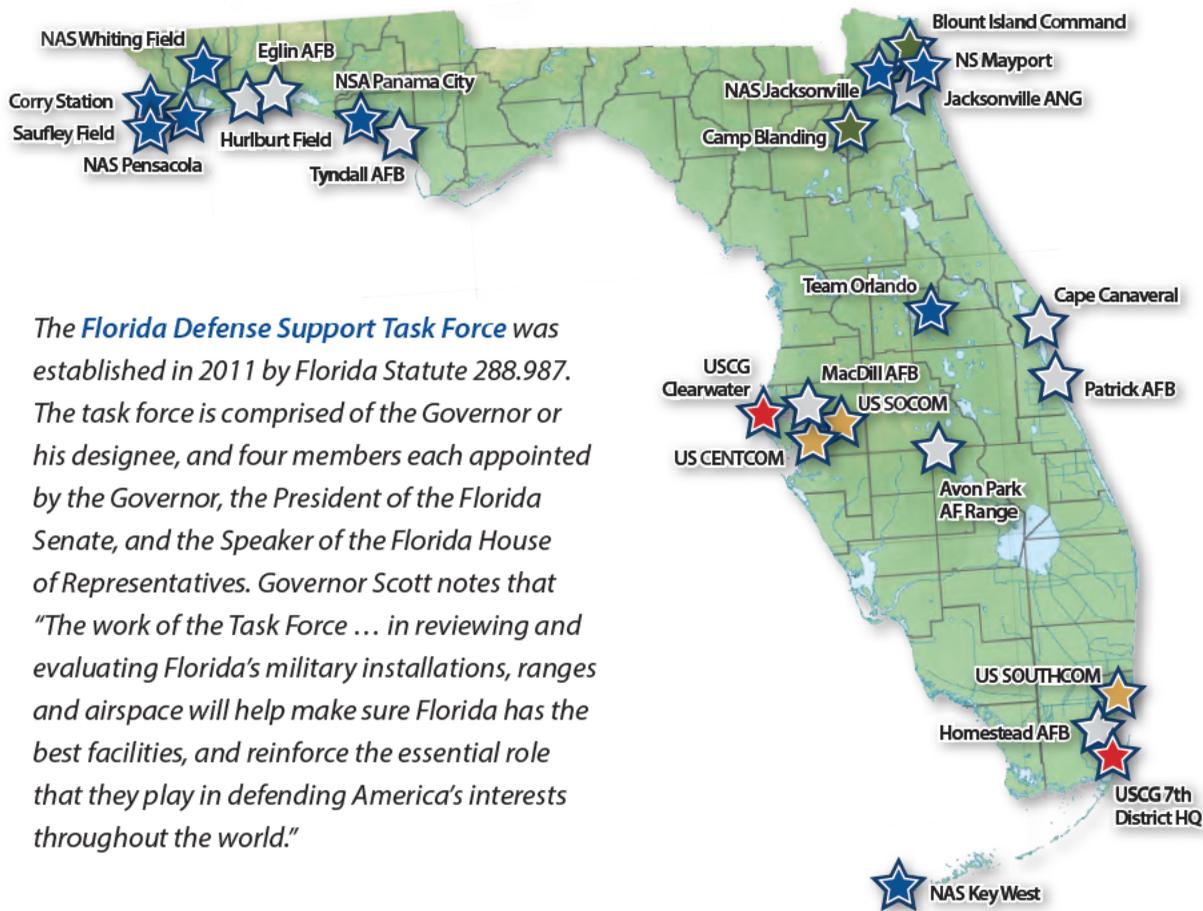
50. Drivers Licenses

A member of the U.S. Armed Forces on active duty in Florida shall not be required to obtain a Florida driver's license solely because he or she enters his or her children to be educated in the public schools of this state if he or she has a valid military driving permit or a valid driver's license issued by another state. (F.S. 322.031)

51. Persons with Disabilities – Medicaid Home and Community-Based Waivers

For FY 2014, 2015, provides individuals who meet eligibility requirements under F.S. 393.065 (1) to receive home and community-based services if parent or legal guardian is an active duty military service member and if, at the time of the transfer to Florida, the individual was already receiving home and community-based services in another state. (F.S. 5003)

PARTNERSHIPS



The Florida Defense Support Task Force was established in 2011 by Florida Statute 288.987. The task force is comprised of the Governor or his designee, and four members each appointed by the Governor, the President of the Florida Senate, and the Speaker of the Florida House of Representatives. Governor Scott notes that “The work of the Task Force ... in reviewing and evaluating Florida’s military installations, ranges and airspace will help make sure Florida has the best facilities, and reinforce the essential role that they play in defending America’s interests throughout the world.”



FLORIDA DEFENSE SUPPORT TASK FORCE MISSION:

- *To make recommendations to preserve and protect military installations.*
- *To support the state’s position in research and development related to or arising out of military missions and contracting.*
- *To improve the state’s military friendly environment for service members, military dependents, military retirees and businesses that bring military and base-related jobs to the state.*

"Our goal is to maintain Florida as the most military friendly state in the nation."

Governor Rick Scott

FLORIDA'S MILITARY ADVANTAGES

Florida Governor Rick Scott is committed to maintaining Florida as the most military friendly state in the nation. Florida already offers:

- **No state income tax, low corporate tax rates, and a favorable business tax climate**
- **Support for military spouses** – including employment, professional certifications/licensing assistance and fee waivers, and more
- **Proof of military service on driver's license** – to support community and business efforts such as veteran discounts
- **An extensive veterans health care network** – including seven state veterans nursing homes; seven federal Veterans Medical Centers, one specializing in traumatic brain injuries; and special programs for veterans with substance abuse and mental health issues
- **Veterans education benefits** – including in-state university tuition for all veterans, free undergraduate state university tuition for Purple Heart recipients, a troops to teachers program, early college registration, and college credit for military training



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The Principi Group

October Florida Monthly Advocacy Report
For the period October 1-31, 2014

1. Washington DC Insights

a. Budgets

- The House and Senate are planning to return after the mid-term elections on November 12, 2014 for a lame duck session that most likely will last until November 20. There may be an additional session starting on December 3 until December 19 to take up the funding of the government in 2015. The exact agenda for the lame duck session is unknown at this time.

- As of October 1, 2014, the Federal Government is operating under a two-month continuing resolution (CR) until Dec. 11. Once the elections have passed, there will be a clearer understanding on whether Congress will pass an Omnibus Appropriations Bill to provide funding of the entire federal government in 2015, or whether another CR will extend into the new calendar year and a new Congress.

- NGB funding, previously withheld, from FL ARMY National Guard units, which caused some postponement and curtailment of scheduled training activities and related activities are now fully restored. Nearly all Florida Army Guard activities and training have been rescheduled and are being conducted at normal levels. No significant impact was suffered on FL Army National Guard facilities. This temporary condition did not adversely effect the Florida Air National Guard's optempo and/or training activities. Air Guard funding was never at risk during this period.

b. Committees

- Nothing Significant This Period

c. Other:

- CM Ander Crenshaw will provide the keynote address at the third annual First Coast Defense Expo on Thursday, November 6 in Jacksonville.

2. Military Services/Programs

- Eglin AFB announced that three Airmen with the 58th Aircraft Maintenance Unit became the first qualified operational weapons load crew for the F-35A Lightning II during a qualification load on Oct. 10, another important milestone for the F-35 program at Eglin.
- Mayport is set to receive the first LCS, USS LITTLE ROCK (LCS-9), in mid-2016 with at least five more to follow in coming years. Even though the ships have not arrived yet, the construction for their support facilities is well underway. The funding for three new support facilities has been approved. The headquarters building that will house, among other things, administrative offices will be finished in November. Two other facilities will complete in 2017. One of the buildings will house a training simulator.
- For NAS Jacksonville, Boeing recently delivered the 18th P-8A Poseidon aircraft to the Navy ahead of schedule. The P-8A departed Boeing Field in Seattle and arrived at NAS JAX. Boeing is on contract with the Navy for 53 P8-As to replace the legacy P-3 Orion fleet.

3. Installations

- Air Combat Command approved VFR uncontrolled operations at Avon Park for Moody A-10s as long as a SOF/Top-3 is present. Additionally, received further clarification from ACC/A3A that IAW AFI 11-202v3 rescue C-130s can operate at any uncontrolled airfield.
- The National Simulation Center in Orlando (NCS) hosted another industry day OCT 22. This is a recurring a potentially powerful event to showcase the opportunities that possible when industry and service requirements converge. Approximately 12 industry companies attended and all the services had representation. This fall event was heavy on Navy participation. The purpose of these recurring industry days is to encourage collaboration between the TO members NCS members and the services. NCS reports another successful industry day. Next one to be in the Spring of 2015
- Eglin AFB formalizes the Community Partnership Program which has been working for some time. An October 4th Eglin AFB Public Affairs release noted "The Air Force Community Partnership Program is a framework for the base and community to develop creative ways of leveraging their capabilities and resources to reduce costs or risks by finding shared value and benefit... Declarations were signed for an artificial reef, reclaimed water and beach clean-up initiatives." This initiative was also covered in the October 21st "defense

communities Daily,” a report published by The Association of Defense Communities.

- In news that is of interest to Tyndall AFB and Hurlburt AFB, several Air Force agencies were realigned under Air Force Materiel Command (AFMC). The realignment was a step towards the formal standup of the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center in 2015. As of Oct. 1, now under AFMC are: the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, Air Force Financial Services Center, Air Force Installation Contracting Agency, Air Force Security Forces Center, Air Force Cost Analysis Agency's Financial Management Center of Expertise, and the Air Force Personnel Center's Services Directorate. The Air Force activated AFIMSC (Provisional) in August and temporarily located it at JB Andrews, Md. The center is meant to consolidate major command-level installation and mission support activities and save the service money. The Air Force is scheduled to select a permanent location for the center from 10 candidate locations in early 2015, and both Tyndall and Hurlburt are candidates in the initial group of 10 bases being considered.

- Secretary of the Air Force Deborah Lee James visited the 45th Space Wing at Patrick Air Force Base and Cape Canaveral Air Force Station on Oct. 15. The visit included a wing mission brief, unit mission briefs, tours of Air Force Eastern Range launch assets as well as a windshield tour of NASA's Kennedy Space Center. James also met with Airmen and senior leaders to include those from the Air Force Technical Applications Center and the 920th Rescue Wing.

4. Other Federal activities/impacts

- The National Center for Simulation (NCS) held an election to fill two Board of Directors seats vacated by Dr. Roger Smith, Florida Hospital and Jim Siebold. The NCS Membership has elected Pete Marion, TMST Consultants and Karen Connors, Quality Project Control to serve on the Board of Directors for three years that started 1 OCT 2014

From: [LaShunda Hill](#)
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Greetings:

As your point person for the JRI National Summit in November, I just wanted to reach out to see if you will be able to join us in San Diego. If you are able to attend, please complete your registration online by COB today using the link provided below.

[Click here](#) to register. If you are unable to attend, please [click here](#).

If you have any difficulties or questions, please feel free to contact me at any time.

All the best,

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From: LaShunda Hill
Sent: Monday, October 20, 2014 12:50 PM
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Greetings:

My name is LaShunda Hill, with the Pew Charitable Trusts. I wanted to make sure you got your personal invitation from Pew for the Justice Reinvestment National Summit in November. This will be the largest convening to date of all the states that have championed criminal justice/public safety reforms. It will be a really great opportunity to share lessons with each other and hear from experts. I will be serving as your point of contact for any Summit related questions or logistical issues. The Summit is in San Diego, CA on November 17-19, 2014. You should have already received a formal save the date and invite from Pew via email. If you have not received the email invite, please let me know and I can make sure you receive all the information you need. Also, if you have any additional questions regarding the summit or any of the logistical details, please feel free to contact me directly.

Co-hosted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this gathering will bring together policymakers and leaders from 30+ states and will be an opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). As an attendee, you may choose from more than 20 sessions over two days, focusing on a variety of critical issues and preparing you and your colleagues to sustain success and maintain momentum for justice reform. Policymakers, program administrators, field experts, and reform leaders will share their experiences, compare common

obstacles, identify opportunities for success, and discuss emerging research on effective policies that protect public safety while controlling corrections costs. I have attached an updated conference agenda for the Justice Reinvestment National Summit for you to peruse.

In addition to our general conference sessions, you are also invited to join us for invitation-only pre-conference sessions beginning at noon on Monday, November 17. You will receive information on these sessions in late October.

I hope you are able to join us for this unprecedented opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative. **Hundreds of state officials have already registered, but space is limited.**

To secure a room at the Hilton San Diego Bayfront Hotel, register by 10am ET on Tuesday, October 21st. Below are the registration links.

We have extended invitations to the Florida officials listed below. In advance of the Summit, you may wish to contact your colleagues to coordinate your attendance or discuss key issues facing your system.

Name	Role
Bob McClure	President, James Madison Institute
David Ensley	Bureau Chief of Research and Data Analysis, FL Department of Corrections
Geoffrey Beck	Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
The Honorable Jorge Labarga	Incoming Chief Justice, FL Supreme Court
Michael Crews	Secretary, FL Department of Corrections
Mike Dew	Chief of Staff, FL Department of Corrections
Will Kendrick	Director of Legislative Affairs, Department of Corrections

Please contact me with any questions you may have. I look forward to seeing you in San Diego soon!

All the best,

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You are cordially invited to the [Justice Reinvestment National Summit: Sustaining Success, Maintaining Momentum](#) on November 17-19, 2014 at the Hilton Bayfront Hotel in San Diego, CA.

Co-hosted by The Pew Charitable Trusts, the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance, and the Council of State Governments Justice Center, this gathering of key decision makers from more than 30 states is an opportunity to discuss the past, present, and future of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI). We will celebrate successes, wrestle with obstacles to implementation and sustainability, and develop plans for creating lasting change in the criminal and juvenile justice systems.

The conference will begin with a welcome reception on Monday, November 17 at 5:00 p.m. The main program will begin on Tuesday, November 18 at 8:00 a.m. and conclude on Wednesday, November 19 at 2:00 p.m.

[Click here](#) to register. If you are unable to attend, please [click here](#).

Travel and Lodging Information

Upon registration, you will receive instructions for booking your flight through The Pew Charitable Trusts' online travel agent. Any hotel or flight booked outside of Pew's travel agent cannot be reimbursed.

Pew will cover expenses for two (2) nights' lodging at the [Hilton Bayfront Hotel](#) and up to \$600 per person for coach air travel and ground transportation to the extent permitted under applicable federal and state gift and ethics rules. Meals will be provided and participants will be responsible for any incidental charges.

Please direct questions regarding travel and logistics to Colleen Kennedy at ckennedy@pewtrusts.org.

We hope you will be able to join us for this unprecedented opportunity to share lessons learned with colleagues from across the country and chart the course of our nation's justice system.

Sincerely,

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From: [Calvert, Bud](#)
To: [Bax, Laura](#)
Subject: Sandy Estroff
Date: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:09:02 PM
Attachments: [Recommendation letter for Sandy Estroff.docx](#)

Please find attached a letter of recommendation for Sandy Estroff.
Thank you!

Bud Calvert
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Laura Bax
Judicial Appointments Coordinator
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400 South Monroe Street, Room 209
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I give the highest recommendation I can for Sandy Estroff to be appointed Judge in Polk County.

Bud Calvert
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From: [Estrofflaw](#)
To: [Bax, Laura](#); [Antonacci, Peter](#)
Subject: Pastor Bud Calvert; Letter of Recommendation; Polk County Judicial Position; Pastor Bud Calvert
Date: Tuesday, November 04, 2014 10:42:53 PM
Attachments: [Recommendation Letter for Sanford M. Estroff.docx](#)

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Subject: RE: Pastor Bud Calvert; Letter of Recommendation; Polk County Judicial Position; Pastor Bud Calvert
Date: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 11:55:19 AM

Please thank Bud Calvert for the recommendation

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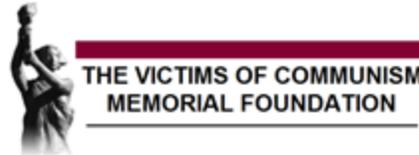
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To: [Zahn, Nick](#)
Subject: FRIDAY: 25th anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall with Meese/Weigel/Kors/Edwards - At the Heritage Foundation
Date: Wednesday, November 05, 2014 9:29:35 PM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)

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Subject: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 11:31:02 AM
Attachments: [32C7A677-FDEA-43B1-95DC-D027982DC56E\[1397\].png](#)

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Subject: Re: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 11:44:39 AM
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To: [Valerie Wickboldt](#); [Nash, Taylor](#)
Cc: [Sherk, James](#)
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 3:00:01 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Cc: [Sherk, James](#); [Moulton, Diane](#)
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 3:43:46 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Me too!!!

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To: [Stratton, Ted](#); [Andrew Ketchel](#)
Subject: Meeting
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 5:27:16 PM

Team,

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Adam

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Adam Giery
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Spinoza

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To: [Zahn, Nick](#)
Subject: TOMORROW: 25th anniversary of fall of Berlin Wall with Meese/Weigel/Kors/Edwards - At the Heritage Foundation
Date: Thursday, November 06, 2014 5:33:02 PM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)

Just a reminder.

Camera placement at 10 a.m. please.

Thanks,

Nick

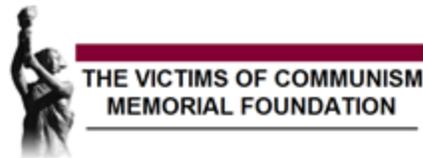
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To: [Adam Giery](#)
Cc: [Andrew Ketchel](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Friday, November 07, 2014 7:15:10 AM

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Ted

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To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Cc: [Adam Giery](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Friday, November 07, 2014 7:54:20 AM

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Best,
Andrew

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Yes, that would work. In the afternoon we have the Fellows meeting but anytime before 2pm should be fine. Thursday and Friday are open for me as well.

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To: [Jordan, Elaine](#)
Subject: Touching base
Date: Friday, November 07, 2014 1:26:51 PM

Hi Elaine,

I just wanted to touch base with you now that the election is over (Hooray!). I am still seeking a full time position working with education policy and would really appreciate you keeping me in mind for any positions that may be available. I would be able to begin a new job anytime from 12/15 on.

Thank you, and I hope you have a great weekend!
Jenny Blalock

From: "Elaine Jordan" <Elaine.Jordan@eog.myflorida.com>
To: "Blalock, Jennifer" <jyblalock@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 1, 2014 2:47:52 PM
Subject: RE: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Employment Inquiry

Jenny,

Thanks so much for reaching out. I understand your readiness to serve and will definitely keep your resume and pass it along to others.

Please keep in touch over the next couple of months and I will do the same.

Best,
Elaine

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Hi Elaine,

I just wanted to say hello and touch base with you about any possible future employment opportunities within the Governor's Office. As you may remember from our previous conversations, I have been trying since my children were born to work on a flexible schedule, often part-time or on a contract basis, in order to be with them as much as possible. While this has been wonderful in many ways, it has been very challenging from a professional and financial perspective. Since my youngest is turning three this weekend and my parents have moved to Tallahassee, I am very eager to find full-time employment sometime in the next couple months.

I have been staying busy, still working on my dissertation for the Education Policy and Evaluation doctoral degree and serving as a course mentor for an Educational Leadership masters course at FSU. I also just co-chaired a fundraiser for Grace Mission, an outreach mission located in Frenchtown that serves the homeless, poor,

and children in need in that community. From December 2013 to April 2014, I worked on a contract basis for the Foundation for Excellence in Education with their Digital Learning Now initiative, writing bill summaries/analyses and helping with the production of the Digital Learning Report Card.

I am extremely interested in the debates occurring around the direction of our state's education policies- testing, standards and curriculum, teacher merit pay, and school choice. I think that my background as a teacher, researcher, and policy analyst provide me with a high level of knowledge and insight into these issues. I would love to be a part of helping to shape the direction of the Governor's education agenda and formulate strategies for conveying his priorities and goals. I know with the upcoming election there is not a lot of hiring going on, but I am confident he will be reelected and that there will be a great deal of debate around education policy in Florida in the years to come. I have submitted a legislative employment application and expressed my interest to Kathy Mizereck in the House as well. I considered reaching out to Kim McDougal, but was not sure how to go about doing this since she is currently working with the Governor's campaign.

I appreciate you keeping me in mind if any positions become available and would be happy to send you any other information or meet to talk about possibilities at any time. I hope that you are doing well!

Warm regards,
Jenny Blalock

From: [rebecca.wood](mailto:rebecca.wood@heritage.org)
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Date: Friday, November 07, 2014 3:17:10 PM

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Date: November 7, 2014 at 3:01:14 PM EST
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Subject: DeMint call Gov. Scott?

Hi Genessa,

Any chance Gov. Scott might be available on Monday, Nov. 10th, for a phone call with Senator DeMint?

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Subject: Re: concerns
Date: Saturday, November 08, 2014 11:14:29 AM

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Lawmakers press to tighten rules for charter schools
By Karen Yi and Amy Shipley, November 7, 2014

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They told the Sun Sentinel they will push for laws that would force operators to prove they have financial backing and no previous connection to failed schools before they can claim tax money for new ones.

"The continual number of closings has made it a higher priority," said Rep. Lori Berman, D-Lantana. "It's a huge concern. This is our public money."

A Sun Sentinel investigation in June found that virtually anyone who can fill out a

lengthy application can open a charter school. The newspaper also found a rise in closures among new charter schools. Ten such schools — six in Broward and four in Palm Beach County — have closed within two months of opening since 2012.

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Cc: dave@flimn.org
Subject: Re: The Most Military-Friendly State in the Nation
Date: Saturday, November 08, 2014 2:45:54 PM

Governor Scott:

Congratulations on your reelection on November 4, 2014. I must advise you that you almost lost my vote when you granted In-State Tuition to Illegal Aliens. Your strong position as a supporter of our Second Amendment Rights was the final offset as I cast my vote for you.

I wish you continued success in your second term, however, Illegal Immigration remains an issue that must be addressed at both the State and National Level. Please review the National Impact of Illegal Aliens at: <http://www.fairus.org/facts>. According to FAIR, Illegal Aliens cost the State of Florida \$5,462,614,142 (2009 dollars). This unnecessary burden on the taxpayers of Florida will only increase as the influx of Illegal Aliens, now estimated at in excess of 900,000, continues unchecked.

I am copying you on an e-mail I attempted to send to Senator McConnell prior to his joint meeting with President Obama on Friday, November 7, 2014. I was unable to contact Senator McConnell since his site blocked my access. I will attempt this send this message to him again either electronically or by regular mail.

America sent a strong message on Election Day, and we **MUST** make sure that both Speaker Boehner and you heard the message before speaking to the President Friday! Please consider the following prior to your meeting with Obama:

- **Americans oppose amnesty, *whether accomplished by legislation or executive fiat*;**
- **America opposes increasing legal immigration;**
- **America opposes bringing more guest workers into the country;**
- **American demands that you reject moving any legislation through Congress that does any of the above; and**
- **America demands you strip funding for any executive amnesty measures.**

This e-mail is to remind Speaker Boehner and you that just *saying* **no** amnesty is not enough. Congress must *act* to curtail the lawless immigration policies of the Obama Administration like Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and the Enlist Act that allows Illegal Aliens to join our Military.

When you meet with President Obama Friday, Speaker Boehner and you should have the interests of *Americans* in mind, not illegal aliens, our the Republican Party.. Friday's meeting could well determine the next steps for immigration policy. Americans demand that Speaker Boehner and you be the voices that are the difference between another S. 744 and restoration of the rule of law.

The only Immigration Reform we need in America is to put a halt to any form of Amnesty for Illegal Aliens by:

- **Enforcing our Existing Immigration Laws;**

- **Securing our Borders;**
- **Implementing E-Verify; and**
- **Halting the Surge Invasion of Illegal Immigrants.**

America has shown its disgust with the Obama Administrations abuse of power, and elected you as the new Champions of our Democracy. Your reign, however, could be short-lived if you, like the Obama Administration, are willing to sacrifice our sovereignty as a nation to garner the Hispanic Vote.

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The historic gains you made on November 4, 2014 can be easily forgotten if you place Compromise of Immigration Reform for Illegal Aliens, or misguided Party politics above the demands of the Americans that contributed to your most significant political gains since the **Eisenhower Administration**. We wish you success in your meeting with the President on Friday.

America is not for Sale! Amnesty of Any Form is Not an Option! Save America for the Americans that supported your efforts with their votes on November 4, 2014,

Regards,

Kenneth C. Morrow Jr.

A McCain/Palin, Romney/Ryan Conservative Democrat, who Voted Republican for Florida on November 4, 2014

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On Friday, November 7, 2014 4:17 PM, Governor Rick Scott <rick.scott@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

As Veteran's Day approaches, Ann and I join every Floridian in honoring the exceptional men and women of the United States military who have served and protected our country. Florida is home to more than 1.5 million veterans who have selflessly served our nation, and today are living the American Dream in our state.

I encourage you to take Veteran's Day as a reminder to thank these heroes, whose service has protected our families, opportunities, and freedoms. While we can never fully repay our veterans for their sacrifice, we must take every possible opportunity to recognize and support them. Let's keep working to honor our veterans, and make Florida the most military-friendly state in the nation.

Have a great weekend,



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From: [Andrew Ketchel](#)
To: [Jacob Horner](#)
Cc: [Adam Giery](#); [Stratton, Ted](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting
Date: Wednesday, November 12, 2014 10:56:28 AM

Sounds good to me, I will be there!

AK

On Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 10:30 AM, Jacob Horner <jacobshorner@gmail.com> wrote:

Adam,

I will plan on joining you guys at Chipotle at 12:15 on Thursday. See you guys tomorrow.

Sincerely,

Jacob

On Wed, Nov 12, 2014 at 10:26 AM, Adam Giery <adam.giery@gmail.com> wrote:

Ted,

How about I pick you up outside the capitol tomorrow at 12pm near the roundabout and we will meet Andrew at the Chipotle on Tennessee at 12:15? Please confirm this works for everyone. See you tomorrow.

Adam

Ps. Jacob if you can make it let me know

On Mon, Nov 10, 2014 at 2:50 PM, Andrew <ketchela@gmail.com> wrote:
Count me in for Thursday. Where and what time?

Best,
Andrew

On Nov 10, 2014, at 1:19 PM, Adam Giery <adam.giery@gmail.com> wrote:

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Just let me know.

Ted

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Two More States Eye Repeal of Common Core



On the heels of Republican victories last week, attempts to replace Common Core with homegrown standards are resurfacing in states across the nation.

Most prominently, elected officials in Wisconsin and Ohio are spearheading efforts to reclaim more control of education.

On Nov. 5, the day after the midterm elections, an Ohio House committee passed a bill to repeal the Common Core standards.

Although officials on both sides doubt the bill will garner enough support to pass by the end of the year, they are hopeful the legislature will take up the issue in 2015.

But to be safe, Common Core supporters such as state Rep. Gerry Stebelton, R-Lancaster, say they **will double down** on efforts to defeat the repeal bill.

"It deserved to die," said Stebelton of the bill. "It has no merit."

In Wisconsin, state Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald said on Thursday changes to Common Core are definitely on next year's agenda, according to the [Associated Press](#).

Even though Fitzgerald wouldn't offer specifics, his plan to re-examine Common Core aligns with that of Gov. Scott Walker, who **won his re-election** bid campaigning on a platform of expanding school choice, among other issues.

Walker, who is considering a 2016 presidential bid, made it clear this July he wants to repeal the Common Core standards.

"Today, I call on the members of the state legislature to pass a bill in early January to repeal Common Core and replace it with standards set by people in Wisconsin," he said in a statement.

"Fitzgerald's remarks show that education policy is a priority for Wisconsin, and that Common Core will continue to drive the debate in the coming months," said [Lindsey M. Burke](#), a Heritage Foundation expert on education policy.

Developed in 2009 by the National Governors Association and the Council of Chief State School Officers, **Common Core** was incentivized by the Obama administration with \$4.35 billion in Race to the Top grants and waivers for states that signed on.

Already this year, four states—Indiana, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Louisiana—withdraw from the national standards and tests, and more than a dozen others either have exited or downgraded their involvement with the assessment component.

"More and more states are now seriously considering the next steps on Common Core, and the best way forward for them to reclaim control of education content," said Burke, adding

States like Oklahoma and South Carolina have demonstrated that it is possible to withdraw from these national standards and tests, and to take the opportunity to craft quality standards that are homegrown and reflective of state and local priorities.

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Five of the 45 states that signed on to adopt the new Common Core State Standards have opted not to offer the online assessments designed to measure student outcomes against the standards. 5 other states were smart enough not to get involved in the first place, that now makes 10 states, now we add two more. Over the summer, a number of other states threw up their hands and said they can't afford the assessment price tag. And in two bellwether states—Indiana and Florida—legislators are getting an earful from grassroots critics who see Common Core as a federal takeover of state education policy. When are our educators and School Boards going to realize this is a big money game and not about Education?

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THE CAPITAL, TALLAHASSEE, NOVEMBER 14, 2014..After months on the campaign trail, Florida lawmakers will return to the Capitol on Tuesday for an organization session. Incoming Senate President Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, and incoming House Speaker Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, will formally move into their new roles. Also, 23 new House members will get sworn in.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2014

'FLORIDA IS FOR VETERANS' GROUP TO MEET: The board of directors of Florida is For Veterans, Inc., will meet. The organization was part of the "Florida GI Bill," which lawmakers passed this year to help encourage veterans and military families to move to the state and to promote their hiring and education. (Monday, 10 a.m., 110 Senate Office Building, the Capitol.)

RUBIO STAFF HOLDS OFFICE HOURS: U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio's office will hold "mobile office hours" in Pinellas and Manatee counties. (Monday, 10 a.m., South Pasadena City Hall, 7047 Sunset Dr. South, South Pasadena. Also, 2 p.m., Longboat Key Town Hall, 501 Bay Isles Road, Longboat Key.)

TRANSPORTATION ISSUES DISCUSSED: The Florida Transportation Commission will hold a workshop that will include discussion of issues such as toll violations and performance measures for the SunRail system in Central Florida. (Monday, 1 p.m., Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.)

SENATE DEMS TO ELECT JOYNER: Senate Democrats will meet to formally elect Sen. Arthenia Joyner, D-Tampa, as minority leader for the next two years. (Monday, 2 p.m., Senate Chamber, the Capitol.)

BOARD OF ED TO DISCUSS STATE COLLEGES: The State Board of Education will hold a workshop to hear presentations about issues in the Florida College System, including dual enrollment, baccalaureate degrees and funding. (Monday, 3 p.m., Seminole State College, Heathrow Campus, 1055 AAA Dr., Heathrow.)

SLADE TO BE HONORED: A memorial service will be held for Tom Slade, a former state Republican chairman who also served in the House and the Senate. Slade died last month. (Monday, 4:30 p.m., Old Capitol, Senate Chamber.)

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SARASOTA GOP TO HONOR PERRY: The Sarasota County Republican Party will honor Texas Gov. Rick Perry during the 2014 "Conservative of the Year" event. (Monday, 6 p.m., Roberts Arena, Sarasota Fairgrounds, 3000 Ringling Blvd., Sarasota.)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2014

BOARD OF EDUCATION TO MEET: The State Board of Education will take up a wide range of issues, including rules dealing with educator certification, English-language learners and high-school graduation requirements for students with disabilities. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Seminole State College, Heathrow Campus, 1055 AAA Dr., Heathrow.)

ELECTION RESULTS CERTIFIED: The state Elections Canvassing Commission will meet to certify the results of the Nov. 4 elections. (Tuesday, 8:30 a.m., Cabinet meeting room, the Capitol.)

SENATE GOES INTO SESSION: The Florida Senate will hold an organization session that will include Sen. Andy Gardiner, R-Orlando, taking over as Senate president. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Senate Chamber, the Capitol.)

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA WATER BOARD TO MEET: The Southwest Florida Water Management District Governing Board will meet (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Tampa Service Office, 7601 U.S. 301, Tampa.)

PANEL TO DISCUSS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: The Florida Transportation Commission will meet and discuss a series of issues, including the future of public transportation in the state. (Tuesday, 9 a.m., Florida Department of Transportation, 605 Suwannee St., Tallahassee.)

HOUSE CONVENES, CRISAFULLI GETS GAVEL: The Florida House will hold an organization session that will include swearing in new members. Also, Rep. Steve Crisafulli, R-Merritt Island, will formally move into the position of House speaker. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., House Chamber, the Capitol.)

FAU TRUSTEES TO MEET: The Florida Atlantic University Board of Trustees will meet. (Tuesday, 10 a.m., FAU Boca Raton Campus, A.D. Henderson University School, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton.)

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2014

PAROLE CASES DISCUSSED: The Florida Commission on Offender Review, formerly known as the Florida Parole Commission, will take up numerous cases involving people convicted of crimes from the 1970s and 1980s. Among the scheduled cases is a hearing for Felix Garcia, a deaf man who supporters say was falsely convicted of a murder. (Wednesday, 9 a.m., 4070 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee.)

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FISH AND WILDLIFE PREPARES FOR 2015 SESSION: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will discuss issues including proposals for the 2015 legislative session. (Friday, 8:30 a.m., Hilton Key Largo Resort, 97000 Overseas Highway, Key Largo.)

KIDCARE, MEDICAID AT ISSUE: The Social Services Estimating Conference will discuss expenditures in the KidCare subsidized health-insurance program and caseloads in the Medicaid program. (Friday, 9 a.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

JOBS NUMBERS RELEASED: The Florida Department of Economic Opportunity is scheduled to release unemployment figures for October. (Friday, 10 a.m.)

FSU TRUSTEES TO MEET: The Florida State University Board of Trustees will meet. The agenda includes a report from John Thrasher, the university's new president. (Friday, 1 p.m., Augustus B. Turnbull III Florida State Conference Center, 555 West Pensacola St., Tallahassee.)

EDUCATION, TOBACCO TRUST FUNDS DISCUSSED: The Revenue Estimating Conference will discuss issues related to the Educational Enhancement Trust Fund and the Tobacco Settlement Trust Fund. (Friday, 1:30 p.m., 117 Knott Building, the Capitol.)

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November 12th, 2014

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Dear Jim DeMint,

The only reason I am sending the enclosed contribution is that you were always an honorable individual, for which, is more than I can say for the wimps in Congress.

At the advice of my Assemblyman Gary Finch; I forward my letters to all Republican members serving in the United States Congress by way of FAX, reminding them of their sworn Oath of Office, and to abide by Article I, Section 8. Paragraph (18) under the "Powers Vested in Congress" to generate a "Congressional Arrest Warrant" for the immediate arrest of the foreign-born illegal alien agent Mr. Barack Hussein Obama II.

Not long ago I had written you a letter explaining how Mr. Barack Hussein Obama II's mother, Stanley Ann Dunham (Obama) had orchestrated Obama II's fraudulent birth announcement in Hawaii's local newspapers. At the instructions of Stanley Ann Dunham (Obama) directly from Kenya, East Africa, she instructed her mother in Hawaii to place the fraudulent birth announcement in Hawaii's local newspapers.

Please understand that hospitals could never afford to pay for every birth that occurred

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Yes I'd love to chat!

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Or I can call her!

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Date: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:45:56 AM

From: M C [mailto:withbells@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, November 18, 2014 11:24 AM
To: Charlotte Greenberg
Subject: Re: EdWeek Update: Breaking: Cutoff Scores Set for Common-Core Tests

Add Jeb and George's brother, Neil, in Texas to the prof teer list. You can, in fact, add most all the Bushes since they all invested in his company.

Marguerite

Ignite! Learning[edit]

Main article: *Ignite!*

In 1999, **Bush** co-founded **Ignite! Learning**, an educational software corporation. **Bush** has said he started **Austin**-based Ignite! Learning because of his learning difficulties in middle school and those of his son, **Pierre**.^[1] The software uses **multiple intelligence** methods to provide varying types of content to appeal to multiple learning styles.

To fund Ignite!, **Bush** raised \$23 million from U.S. investors, including his parents, as well as businessmen from **Taiwan**, **Japan**, **Kuwait**, the **British Virgin Islands** and the **United Arab Emirates**, according to documents filed with the **Securities and Exchange Commission**. Documented investors include **Russian** billionaire expatriate **Boris Berezovsky**. Berezovsky's partner Badri Patarkatsishvili, **Kuwait** **company** head Mohammed Al Saddah, and **Chinese** computer executive Winston Wong.

In 2002, Neil **Bush** commended his **brother**, George, for his efforts on education as President, but he questioned the emphasis on constant **testing** to keep federal aid coming to public schools: "I share the concerns of many that if our system is driven around assessments, pencil-and-paper tests that test a kid's ability to memorize stuff, I would say that reliance threatens to institutionalize bad teaching practices."^[2]

As of October 2008, over 13 U.S. school districts (out of over 14,000 school districts nation-wide^[3]) **have** used federal funds made available through the **No Child Left Behind Act** of 2001 in order to buy Ignite's products at \$3,800 apiece.^[4]

A December 2003 Style section article in the *Washington Post* reported that **Bush's** salary from Ignite! was \$180,000 per year.^[5]

Bush's relationship with the controversial oligarch Boris Berezovsky, a political enemy of **Russian President Vladimir Putin** currently under indictment for **fraud** in Russia and an applicant for **asylum** in the **United Kingdom**,^[11] **has** been noted in the media. Berezovsky **has** been an investor in **Bush's** Ignite! program since at least 2003.^[12] **Bush** met with Berezovsky in **Latvia**. The meeting caused tension between that country and Russia due to Berezovsky's fugitive status.^[12] **Bush** was also seen in Berezovsky's box at an **Arsenal's Emirates Stadium** for a game in 2006,^[13] which prompted some stateside criticism.^[14] There **has** also been speculation in the **English language Moscow Times** that the relationship may cause tension in U.S.-Russian bilateral relations, "especially since Putin **has** taken pains to build a personal relationship with the U.S. president."^[15] Excerpted from http://oc.bingj.com/cache.aspx?z_jeb+Bush%27s+brother+who+has+testing+company+in+Texas&d_4876515841475197&mkt_en-US&setlang_en-US&w_170H4HgFQsITVgS2Ex_Vy276VF_0x

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AS you can see, there is no end ...

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Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 2:39 PM
Subject: FW: EdWeek Update: Breaking: Cutoff Scores Set for Common-Core Tests

Covering their rears We know the test outcomes will be awful because Common Core hasn't been validated Our kids are guinea pigs for Gates, Pearson et al And they profit mightily So do Jeb Bush's organizations from donations from Gates, Pearson et al

Charlotte

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Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 12:38 PM
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From: [Asia Pacific Press Office at The Heritage Foundation](#)
To: [Zahn, Nick](#)
Subject: TOMORROW: Immigration, Sen. Sessions & Others Respond to Obama Executive Action on Immigration at The Heritage Foundation @@s
Date: Thursday, November 20, 2014 1:25:05 PM



Cordially Invites You

A Response to President Obama's Executive Action on Immigration

Featuring

The Honorable Jeff Sessions (R-AL)

United States Senator; Ranking Member, Senate Budget Committee;
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President Obama is expected to bypass Congress yet again by using executive action to unilaterally push through another round of his amnesty agenda. It is reported that more than 5 million illegal immigrants will receive work authorization and administrative amnesty. The action threatens the foundations of our Republic and its Constitution. Join us as we address the grave concerns about the President's action – and how to save the country from it.

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From: [Moulton, Diane](#)
To: [Kelly, Cynthia](#)
Subject: FW: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott
Date: Sunday, November 23, 2014 12:44:28 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Is there someone in OPB who could handle?

From: Sherk, James [mailto:James.Sherk@heritage.org]
Sent: Friday, November 14, 2014 9:14 AM
To: Moulton, Diane; Nash, Taylor; Rigas, Michael; Valerie Wickboldt
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Wonderful. Thank you Diane!

James Sherk

*Senior Policy Analyst in Labor Economics
Institute for Economic Freedom and Opportunity*
The Heritage Foundation
214 Massachusetts Avenue, NE
Washington, DC 20002
202-608-6177
heritage.org

From: Moulton, Diane [mailto:Diane.Moulton@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Thursday, November 13, 2014 6:29 PM
To: Nash, Taylor; Rigas, Michael; Valerie Wickboldt
Cc: Sherk, James
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

I apologize for the delay in responding. As you most likely are aware, we are in a transition period right now. I will put you in touch with the proper person as soon as possible.

From: Nash, Taylor
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 3:44 PM
To: 'Rigas, Michael'; Valerie Wickboldt
Cc: Sherk, James; Moulton, Diane
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Thank you for the information.

I've copied Diane Moulton who works with Governor Scott and is a wealth of knowledge. Diane, would you mind taking a look at the e-mail chain below and connecting Mr. Sherk with the right person? Thank you!

From: Rigas, Michael [mailto:Michael.Rigas@heritage.org]
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 2:56 PM
To: Valerie Wickboldt; Nash, Taylor
Cc: Sherk, James
Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Thank you Valerie!

Hi Taylor - Mr. Sherk is looking to get in touch with someone in Governor Scott's office because he would like to bring to their attention some union reforms to pursue. I have copied him on this message if you have further questions or would like more details. Thanks.

Best Regards,

Mike

Michael Rigas

Deputy Director, Coalition Relations

The Heritage Foundation

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From: Valerie Wickboldt [<mailto:vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org>]

Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 10:40 AM

To: Nash, Taylor

Cc: Rigas, Michael

Subject: Re: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Let me connect you with Michael Rigas at Heritage who can explain exactly what Mr. Sherk is looking for. That might be the best way. He is copied on this email. Thanks for looking into it Taylor! - Valerie

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Valerie Wickboldt

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From: "Nash, Taylor" <Taylor.Nash@eog.myflorida.com>

Date: Thursday, November 6, 2014 12:36 PM

To: Valerie Wickboldt <vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org>

Subject: RE: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Hi Valerie! What type of contact is Mr. Sherk looking for?

From: Valerie Wickboldt [<mailto:vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org>]

Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 10:27 AM

To: Nash, Taylor

Subject: Heritage Foundation Meeting with Gov. Scott

Taylor,

Hope you are well! I'm sure things are so busy right now. When you are able, I'm looking for a contact in Gov. Scott's office to send to James Sherk, Senior Policy Analyst in Labor Economics at

The Heritage Foundation. Let me know who you think would be best to connect him with.

Best,
Valerie

--

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From: [Asia Pacific Press Office at The Heritage Foundation](#)
To: [Zahn, Nick](#)
Subject: Sec. Hagel Resignation - Press Conference Call TODAY at 11:30 Eastern @@s
Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 10:45:20 AM

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invites you to

An On the Record Briefing for Press

TOPIC: United States Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel's Resignation

How should Hagel's tenure be assessed? Is the world safer? Will the new secretary be able to make a difference?

WHEN: TODAY - Monday, November 24, 2014 at 11:30 a.m. EST (*within the hour of receiving this message*)

WHO: [Steven Bucci](#)
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Bucci served America for three decades as an Army Special Forces officer and top Pentagon official; frequently appears on cable news shows.

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Date: Monday, November 24, 2014 11:30:52 AM

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To: [Adam Giery](#)
Subject: RE: Message from the Alumni President 11-25
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 11:43:09 AM

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From: Adam Giery [<mailto:agiery@flchamber.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 25, 2014 10:14 AM
To: Stratton, Ted
Subject: Message from the Alumni President 11-25
Importance: High

Please see my message. Thank you in advance.

From: [Adam Giery](#)
To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Subject: Re: Message from the Alumni President 11-25
Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 11:49:29 AM

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Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2014 11:50:58 AM

Great!

Thanks Adam!

Travel safe,

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From: [Andrew Campanella](#)
To: [Scheduling Requests](#)
Subject: Scheduling Request: Event
Date: Tuesday, December 02, 2014 5:08:18 PM

Salutation:
Mr.

First Name:
Andrew

Last Name:
Campanella

Organization:
National School Choice Week

Primary Phone Number:
850-837-0240

Email Address:
andrew@schoolchoiceweek.com

Mailing Address:
1010 Grand Villas Drive

City:
Miramar Beach

State:
FL

Zip Code:
32550

Name of Event:
Official Kickoff of National School Choice Week 2015

Event Date:
January 23, 2015

Event Time:
12:15 pm

Event Location:
Florida Theatre, Jacksonville

Event Address:
128 E Forsyth Street

Event City:
Jacksonville

Event State:
Florida

Event Zip Code:
32205

What Would you like the Governor to do at the event?:
Deliver Keynote Address

If "Other," please describe:

Event Type:
Rally or Parade

If "Other," please describe:
indoor celebration

Number of Expected Attendees:
1900

Event Participants:
students, parents, teachers, community leaders, school choice supporters

Press Plan:
Open Press

Event Description:
indoor celebration, televised

Event Background:
Florida has been selected to host the Official Kickoff celebration of National School Choice Week 2015. National School Choice Week is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical public awareness effort with the goal of shining a positive spotlight on all types of effective education options for children, including traditional public schools, public charter schools, magnet schools, online learning, private schools, and homeschooling.

The Official Kickoff is the first of 10,000 events across the country during NSCW. It will be televised nationally on NewsmaxTV and WE-TV (owned by AMC Networks), and will feature student testimonials, speeches from parents and teachers, and student performances.

National School Choice Week is America's largest-annual celebration of effective education options. This event is being planned in cooperation with several organizations and groups, including:

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Black Floridians C.A.R.E.
Charter Schools USA
Coalition of McKay Scholarship Schools
Florida Alliance for Choices in Education
Florida Charter School Alliance
Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops
Florida Virtual School
Foundation for Florida's Future
Hispanic CREO
National Institute for Educational Options
PublicSchoolOptions.org
Step Up for Students
Urban League of Greater Miami

Proposed Agenda:
Event will begin at 12:15 pm. Governor Scott would speak at any point in the program that fits his schedule, for approximately 4-5 minutes.

Topic of Remarks:
The governor would welcome attendees to Florida, talk generally about the importance of providing

every student with access to a quality education, and talk about Florida's rich history of empowering parents with a variety of education options.

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This scheduling request was sent via the form on www.flgov.com.

From: [Adam Giery](#)
To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 11:11:24 AM

Ted,

Any update on the newsletter?

Adam Giery
Alumni President
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407-462-2767

From: [Stratton, Ted](#)
To: [Adam Giery](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 12:32:39 PM

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To: Stratton, Ted
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From: [Adam Giery](#)
To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Subject: Re: RE:
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 1:53:40 PM

Please use jazzing as often as possible. Thank you.

Adam Giery
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Subject: Re: RE:
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 2:15:29 PM

Haha will do.

Thanks again Adam,

Ted

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From: [Adam Giery](#)
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Subject: Re: RE:
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 2:19:34 PM

Have a jazzy day. Lol

My pleasure.

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To: [Moulton, Diane](#)
Subject: National School Choice Week - Jon Hage
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 3:38:19 PM
Attachments: [NSCW15 - Invitation for Governor Scott.pdf](#)
Importance: High

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Cc: [Williams, Leda](#); [Ivasco, Priscilla](#); [Graves, Aaren](#)
Subject: FW: National School Choice Week - Jon Hage
Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 4:26:21 PM
Attachments: [NSCW15 - Invitation for Governor Scott.pdf](#)

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Date: Wednesday, December 03, 2014 4:41:45 PM

Thanks Diane 😊 I'll give Jon the message; I know he appreciates all you do.
We're all doing well and hope you are too. I know this is a really crazy busy time of the year.

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To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Subject: Re: RE: RE:
Date: Thursday, December 04, 2014 2:41:31 PM

Sounds great. If we get too close to Xmas let's hold till first week in January.

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On Dec 4, 2014, at 2:03 PM, Stratton, Ted <Ted.Stratton@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

Hello,

I have an update on the Jazzing. We should have a draft by next week according to Ramona. Depending on the changes we need to make it can/should be able to go out right after.

Take care,

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Subject: Re: RE: RE:
Date: Monday, December 08, 2014 12:25:48 PM

Ted,

Could you resend. Thank you in advance.

Adam

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Subject: Re: Fellows Thoughts - Publishing Papers
Date: Monday, December 08, 2014 2:03:55 PM

I can check again, but last year when I asked (Chris asked me about this previously) the EOG was not interested in being involved or in hosting or publishing the proposals. This includes the Fellows website. When it comes to policy papers they naturally are very careful with what goes out or is put online.

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To: [Haworth, Virginia](#)
Subject: Board appointments
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:19:18 AM

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To: "[Skylar R. Zander](#) "
Subject: RE: Board appointments
Date: Tuesday, December 09, 2014 10:41:19 AM

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To: [Governor Rick Scott](#)
Subject: Get rid of CommonCore-Teachers Ousting
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 2:26:57 PM

From: Annette Savio <alouette8@juno.com>

County: Brevard

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Message Body: Legislation Lets States Cut Ties Between Common Core and Federal Grants

<http://dailysignal.com/2014/12/08/bill-cut-ties-common-core-federal-grants-easing-states-way/>

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By Kelsey Harkness
December 8, 2014

Senator David Vitter, R-LA, has drafted legislation to prohibit the federal government from “mandating, incentivizing or coercing” states to adopt the national education standards known as Common Core. The Daily Signal has learned.

The intent of Vitter’s bill is to enable states to more easily exit the national standards, which more and more parents and educators have come to oppose, by voiding requirements attached to previously issued waivers from federal law.

States likely could retain their waivers from the law, called No Child Left Behind, even if they chose to pull out of Common Core.

Opponents have criticized the Obama administration for “incentivizing” states to sign on to the Common Core standards by offering \$4.35 billion in grants and waivers under its “Race to the Top” program.

Of his bill, Vitter, a former supporter of Common Core, told The Daily Signal:

I’ve fought tooth and nail for local control of education and against the enormous growth of federal power under President Obama. That includes prohibiting the federal government from mandating, coercing or bribing states to adopt Common Core or its equivalent.

Vitter quietly filed his legislation, the Local Control of Education Act, as a standalone bill last week but intends to propose it as an amendment to the spending bill that Congress must pass this week.

The bill aims to “prohibit the federal government from mandating, incentivizing or coercing states to adopt the Common Core state standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction.”

Vitter, who intends to run for Louisiana governor in 2015, changed his position on the Common Core standards. Four months ago, in an interview with C-SPAN, the Republican lawmaker said he “strongly supports” the standards.

Of his reversal, Vitter said in a Dec. 1 press release:

After listening to literally thousands of parents, teachers and others since then, I don’t believe that we can achieve that Louisiana control, buy-in and success I’m committed to if we stay in Common Core. Instead, I think we should get out of Common Core/PARCC and establish an equally or more rigorous Louisiana system of standards and testing.

PARCC, which stands for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, is a group of states working to develop a set of assessments in math and English to measure whether students from kindergarten through 12th grade are on track to succeed in college and career.

Vitter joins Louisiana’s current governor, fellow Republican Bobby Jindal, in challenging Common Core.

In June, Jindal bypassed the state legislature and issued a series of executive orders withdrawing Louisiana from Common Core and all federally subsidized standardized tests.

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To: commissioner@fldoe.org
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Get rid of CommonCore-Teachers Quitting
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 2:58:23 PM

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From: Annette Savole [<mailto:alouette8@juno.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 2:22 PM
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County: Brevard

Zip Code: 32909

Phone Number: 321-725-5559

Message Body: Legislation Lets States Cut Ties Between Common Core and Federal Grants

<http://dailysignal.com/2014/12/08/bill-cut-ties-common-core-federal-grants-easing-states-way/>

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By Kelsey Harkness
December 8, 2014

Senator David Vitter, R-LA, has drafted legislation to prohibit the federal government from “mandating, incentivizing or coercing” states to adopt the national education standards known as Common Core. The Daily Signal has learned.

The intent of Vitter’s bill is to enable states to more easily exit the national standards, which more and more parents and educators have come to oppose, by voiding requirements attached to previously issued waivers from federal law.

States likely could retain their waivers from the law, called No Child Left Behind, even if they chose to pull out of Common Core.

Opponents have criticized the Obama administration for “incentivizing” states to sign on to the Common Core standards by offering \$4.35 billion in grants and waivers under its “Race to the Top” program.

Of his bill, Vitter, a former supporter of Common Core, told The Daily Signal:

I’ve fought tooth and nail for local control of education and against the enormous growth of federal power under President Obama. That includes prohibiting the federal government from mandating, coercing or bribing states to adopt Common Core or its equivalent.

Vitter quietly filed his legislation, the Local Control of Education Act, as a standalone bill last week but intends to propose it as an amendment to the spending bill that Congress must pass this week.

The bill aims to “prohibit the federal government from mandating, incentivizing or coercing states to adopt the Common Core state standards or any other specific academic standards, instructional content, curricula, assessments, or programs of instruction.”

Vitter, who intends to run for Louisiana governor in 2015, changed his position on the Common Core standards. Four months ago, in an interview with C-SPAN, the Republican lawmaker said he “strongly supports” the standards.

Of his reversal, Vitter said in a Dec. 1 press release:

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PARCC, which stands for the Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers, is a group of states working to develop a set of assessments in math and English to measure whether students from kindergarten through 12th grade are on track to succeed in college and career.

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To: [Spicer, Margaret](#)
Subject: Events next week
Date: Wednesday, December 10, 2014 4:04:45 PM

2 of note. If you can go to these and write a one-pager, that would be great.

16th

NEW EVENT!

Religious Liberties for Corporations? Hobby Lobby, the Affordable Care Act, and the Constitution

Time: 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Host: Cato Institute. In an engaging new book, David Gans and Ilya Shapiro provide a comprehensive analysis of the issues in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby*, the blockbuster legal challenge to the Obamacare regulation that required employer-sponsored health plans to provide “free” contraceptive coverage. In a series of debates, these opposing advocates examine whether for-profit corporations can assert religious-exercise claims under federal law, whether businesses (or their owners/directors/officers) with religious objections should be exempt from coverage requirements, and what the consequences would be if the Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hobby Lobby. Please join us for a reprise of these debates, with commentary by the architect of the constitutional challenge to Obamacare’s individual mandate, Professor Randy Barnett. The event will held in the Hayek Auditorium at the Cato Institute, 1000 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC 20001. To learn more and RSVP, please visit <http://www.cato.org/events/religiousliberties-corporations-hobby-lobby-affordable-care-act-constitution>.

18th

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And Now for a Congressional Growth Agenda

Time: 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Host: The Heritage Foundation. Economic growth in this recovery has averaged only half the rate of past World War II recessions. Average wages haven't risen in seven years. And most Americans are worried that the economic future for their children will be worse, not better than now. What does the new Republican Congress in 2015 need to do to pump up growth? How should it reform the tax code? Join us as our panel of experts explores these questions and debates possible solutions moving into the new Congressional year. To learn more and RSVP, please visit <http://www.heritage.org/events/2014/12/growth-agenda>.

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To: [Stratton, Ted](#)
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014 1:14:30 PM

Ted,

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From: [Stratton, Ted](#)
To: [Adam Giery](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Thursday, December 11, 2014 1:17:03 PM

I found a few more edits for the draft this morning.

The alumni lists is in the fellows website email. I can't send it through excel or outlook.

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Adam Giery <adam.giery@gmail.com>
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Subject: Re: draft 1

Edits

Throughout the document it appears there are different font sizes and almost different styles.

- Page 2 - Font for the opening passage regarding the first lady is noticeably big.
- Page 2 - 13-14 recap - Delete in line one " this summer"
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- Page 5 - "The Department" - maybe I am wrong, but it looks out of place.
- Page 6 - Ketchel has a new job - Director of Infrastructure and Governance Policy wit the Florida Chamber of Commerce (waiting on this to be confirmed)
- Page 9 - Photo of Nick Russell is blurry

Ideas: Let's do a piece in the February newsletter that highlights the girls of the DC office.

On Dec 11, 2014, at 1:09 PM, Adam Giery
<alumni@floridafellows.com> wrote:

<OLD Fellows Newsletter.pdf>

From: [Jordan, Elaine](#)
To: [Ungru, Jenn](#)
Subject: resume
Date: Monday, December 15, 2014 9:17:51 AM

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To: [Haworth, Virginia](mailto:Haworth.Virginia)
Subject: Names
Date: Tuesday, December 16, 2014 11:42:15 AM

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 - o Masters, Health Services Administration, FIU (1986)
 - o Masters, International Business, FIU - Spain (1987)
 - o Corporate Governance, Harvard Business School (2009)
 - o <http://www.mansaequity.com/rubenKingShawJr.php>
2. **Leticia Adams** (850) 528-6133 – cell; quest51830@aol.com - email)
 - o FAMU, Graduate (1999)
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Subject: Heritage Event tomorrow
Date: Wednesday, December 17, 2014 4:42:54 PM

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To: [Williams, Leda](#)
Subject: Florida Education Summit
Date: Monday, December 22, 2014 10:48:48 AM

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From: [Williams, Leda](#)
To: Sara@floridapromise.org
Subject: RE: Florida Education Summit
Date: Monday, December 22, 2014 12:20:48 PM

Hey! Thanks, Sara. I'll get this through our senior staff and get back to y'all asap!

-Leda

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To: [Graves, Aaren](#)
Subject: FW: Florida Education Summit
Date: Monday, December 22, 2014 12:21:01 PM

Pls process and put on scheduling spreadsheet

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If he is available, we can work out the actual speaking time & order (toward the beginning or end, etc.) based on his availability.

I'm happy to provide more details if you need.

Thank you for your help on this! Have a wonderful holiday if I don't speak with you beforehand!

Best,

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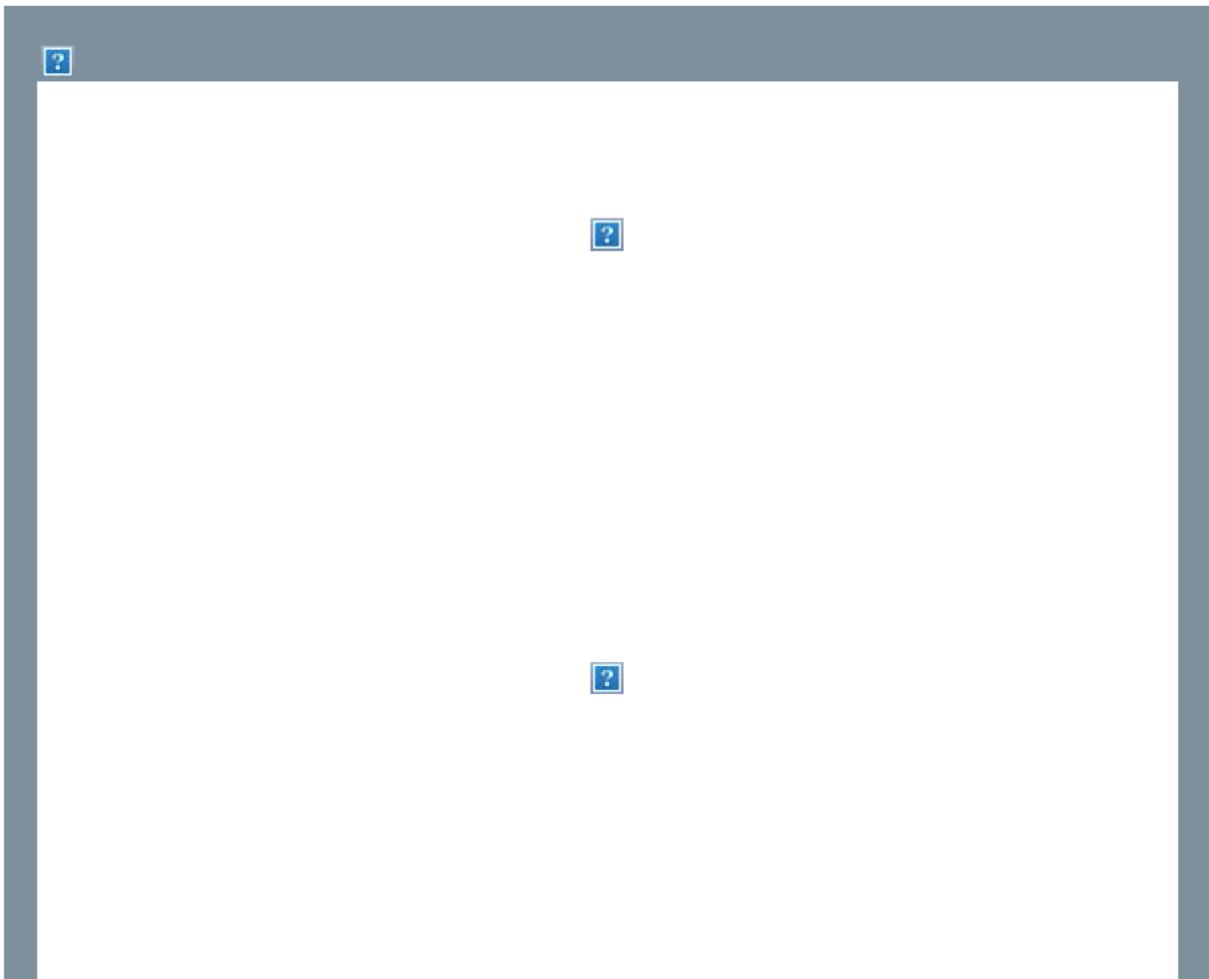
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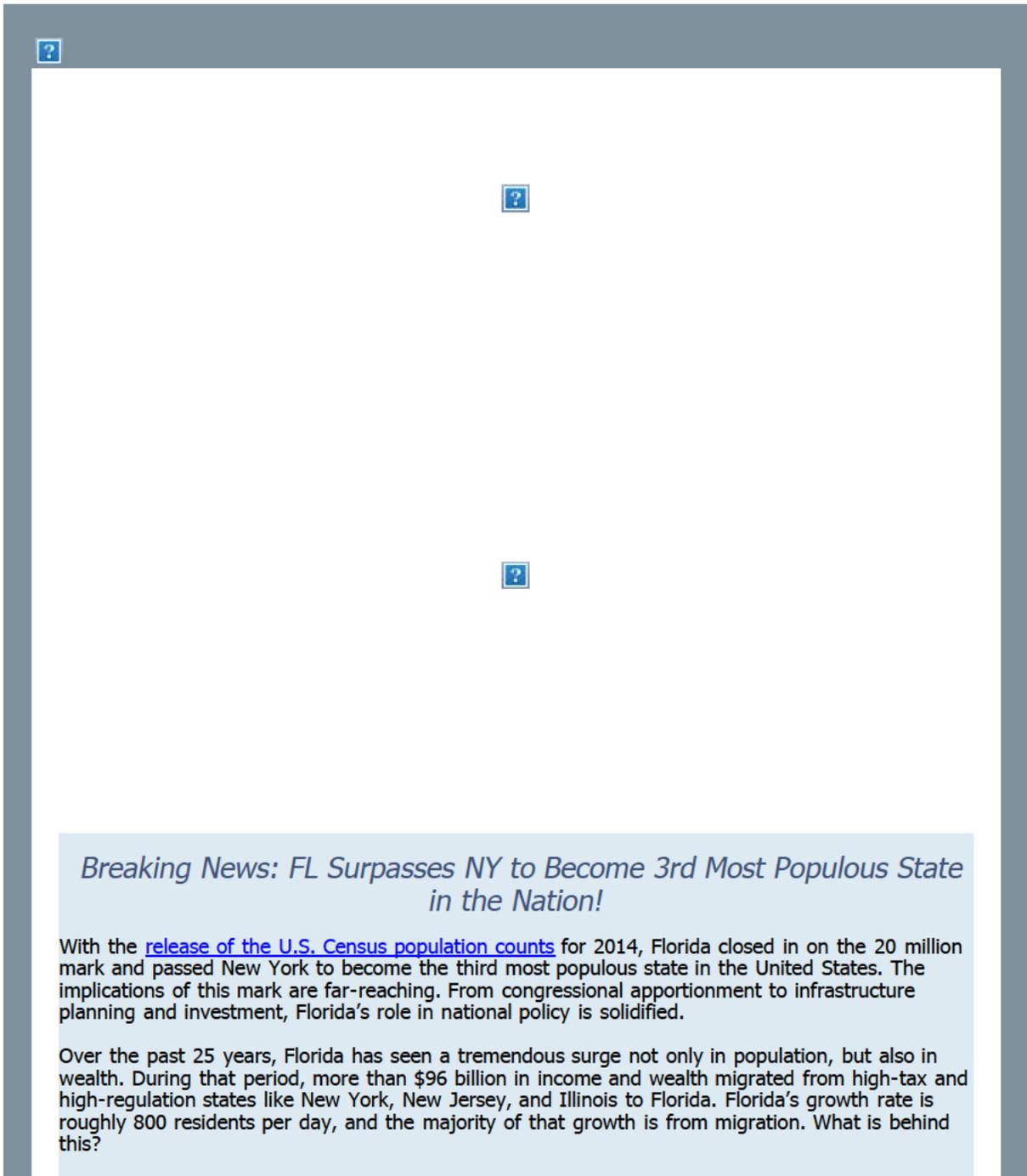
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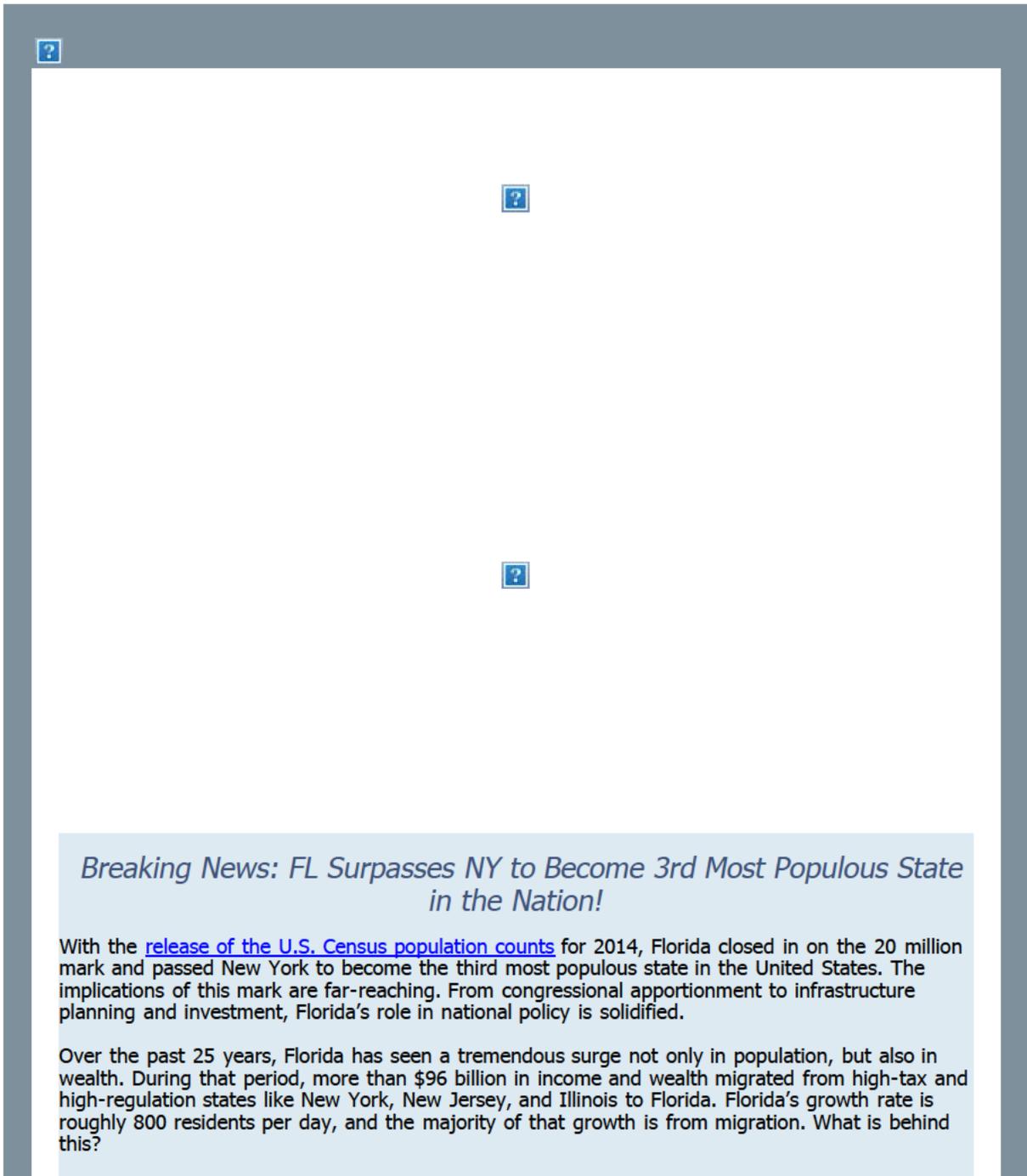
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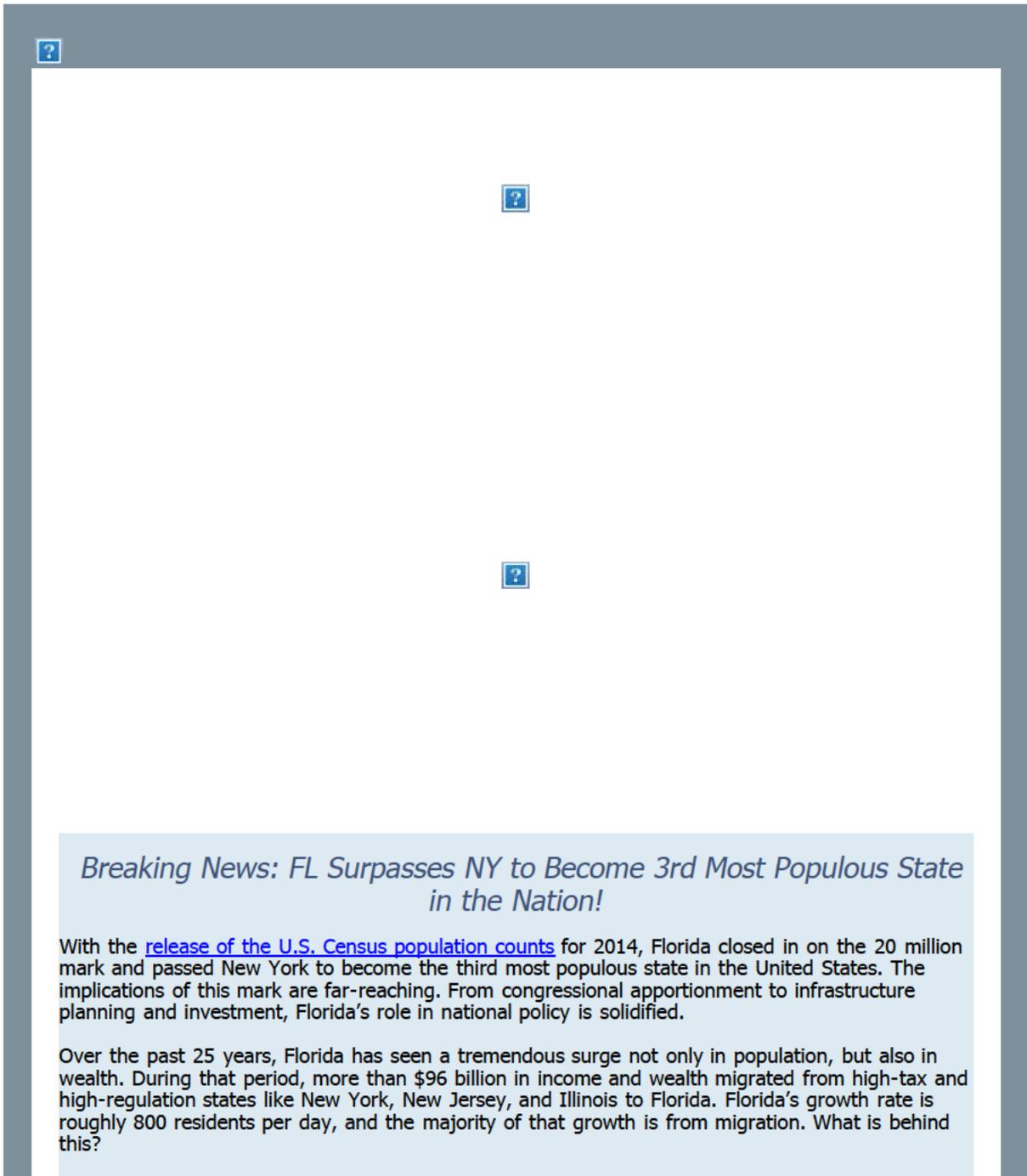
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National Review

John Fund

December 23, 2014

<http://www.nationalreview.com/corner/395312/florida-leaves-new-york-behind-its-rear-view-mirror-john-fund>

It's official. Florida is the nation's third-largest state with 19.7 million people. It surpassed New York this month by adding an average of 803 new residents every day as opposed to New York's 140.

Contrary to the stereotype, sun-seeking seniors aren't the main drivers of Florida's population growth. James Johnson, a business professor at the University of North Carolina, told the AP that Florida's powerful economic engine is driving its growth: "I think it's going to be for the 21st century what California or New York was for the 20th century."

As the James Madison Institute reports, Florida's growth is built on a consensus that taxes, spending, and regulation should be restrained. Its budget is half the size of New York State's, it lacks a state income tax, and it is much easier to start and run a business there than in many northeastern states.

As a result, Florida has experienced solid job growth (the third-highest in the nation for private-sector employment). Its workforce is better prepared

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Meanwhile, back in New York State, Governor Andrew Cuomo took time this week to announce his state will ban fracking, which would have represented a potential bonanza for the state's depressed upstate counties. Some states want to live and some states seemed determined to wither.

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Chickens coming home! Please share. Tip of the iceberg.
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Brietbart: King of Common Core Pearson Closes Charitable Foundation Amid Legal Troubles

Common Core
by Dr. Susan Berry 21 Dec 201465

Publishing giant Pearson Inc. is set to rake in billions of dollars in profits related to the implementation of the Common Core standards, but the corporation is now dealing with legal problems exposing some of its suspicious methods that have led to its status as the King of Common Core.

The Pearson Charitable Foundation states it is closing following “a decision by Pearson plc to integrate all of its corporate responsibility activities and functions into its business as a way to maximize social impact and to no longer fund the Foundation as the primary vehicle for its philanthropic and community activities.”

The truth is, however, that corporate Pearson is closing down its charitable foundation following problems with the law that have exposed some of its methods in acquiring business.

As Breitbart News reported in December of 2013, the Pearson Foundation agreed to a \$7.7 million settlement with the state of New York after accusations by the state’s attorney general that the foundation helped develop Common Core-aligned courses for Pearson, Inc., its corporate parent.

The settlement describes the nature of the conflicts:

Pearson and the Foundation have a close working relationship. The Foundation’s staff has consisted of Pearson employees; the Foundation’s board was comprised entirely of Pearson executives until 2012; select Foundation programs have been conducted with the advice and participation of senior Pearson executives; and the Foundation continues to rely heavily upon Pearson Inc. for administrative support...

From 2008 through 2011, the Foundation provided grants to an independent organization of school officials in the U.S. for a jointly sponsored International Summit program, a series of conferences on education that were held abroad and attended by state school officials. The Foundation and Pearson also worked with the organization to plan and organize the International Summits, to identify

speakers and presenters and in some cases to recommend school officials from participating countries. Since Pearson offers products and services throughout the U.S. and in many other countries, the school officials who were invited were from jurisdictions where Pearson actively did business and sought to do business. The travel and lodging of state school officials from the U.S. were paid for by the organization of school officials, with the use of Foundation grant funds. The Foundation independently sponsored the travel and lodging of guest speakers, presenters, and summit delegates, including school officials, from foreign countries. In some cases, the non-U.S. delegates who were invited to attend the International Summits were nominated by Pearson personnel.

In October, Breitbart News also reported a scandal in the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) in which Superintendent John Deasy, former employee of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, resigned after pushing a \$1.3 billion iPad buy for every child in his district from joint sellers Apple and Pearson, the latter of which had designed a companion iPad curriculum. The program was a huge failure and led to further scrutiny of Deasy's close personal ties with Apple and Pearson.

The Los Angeles Times further noted earlier this month that the FBI was conducting a criminal investigation into the failed LAUSD iPad program and had seized 20 boxes of records related to the matter. A federal grand jury is reportedly studying the situation.

According to Alan Singer at the Huffington Post, a Washington Post interview with Marc Harris, former chief of the public corruption and government fraud unit at the Los Angeles office of the U.S. Attorney, said that such irregularities in the bidding process would be considered a federal crime if federal funds were involved or the case was a matter of fraud against taxpayers by public servants.

Singer indicates that email records point to improper contacts between Deasy and an assistant superintendent, with Apple and Pearson executives before the bidding process opened. In addition, it is believed that Pearson officials may have actually fashioned the final proposal.

He continues:

The LAUSD request for proposals was not issued until six months later in March 2013. However, there are a series of emails between Pearson CEO Marjorie Scardino and LAUSD officials starting in May 2012 and September 11, 2012; Sherry King of the Pearson Foundation emailed John Deasy, Superintendent of Los Angeles schools, setting up a lunch meeting at a restaurant in Santa Monica that included Judy Coddling, a Pearson Education corporate field representative. According [to] School Superintendent Ramon C. Cortines, who replaced John Deasy, who resigned under pressure in October, the bidding process for the iPad contract had been plagued by "innuendoes" and "rumors."

In a thorough overview of the nature of the tight relationship between Pearson and the Gates Foundation – the primary source of private funding of the Common Core education initiative, Nancy Thorner of Lake Bluff, Illinois wrote in a letter to the editor of the Madison-St. Clair Record, "[T]he Gates Foundation joined forces with the Pearson Foundation, a British multi-national conglomerate,

representing the largest private business maneuvering for U.S. education dollars. Pearson executives saw the potential to secure lucrative contracts in testing, textbooks and software worth tens of millions of dollars.”

Thorner continues with a description of the Gates-Pearson partnership in the creation of digital instruction resources for teachers that would demonstrate how to teach the new Common Core standards. Additionally, she notes how the Gates-Pearson association has provided support to the Education Development Center (EDC), Inc. in Waltham, Massachusetts, a company that designs teacher evaluation programs, a major component of the Common Core standards.

EDC is funded not only by the Gates Foundation and Pearson Education, but has also received federal funding and donations from UNESCO and the World Health Organization. Its board of trustees includes Anne Bryant of the National School Boards Association and Judy Coddling, Managing Director of the Pearson Common Core Initiative.

Pearson VUE, the corporation’s assessment services wing, has also acquired Exam Design, a company that develops examination software.

From training teachers in how to instruct in the Common Core methods, to student textbook and digital learning materials aligned with the standards, to evaluation of teachers, to student assessments, Pearson’s partnership with the Gates Foundation has led to its place as the King of Common Core. The increasing unpopularity of the education reform, however, will likely lead to further scrutiny of Pearson’s already questionable practices.

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I was reading the latest disturbing news media article(s) regarding the alleged highly dubious and suspicious behavior throughout the charter school industry in Broward County and/or the State of Florida, putting the K-12 educational process in harm's way, despite strong documentation indicating such problems exist. Please coordinate, collaborate and cooperate on Federal, State and/or local jurisdictional levels in addressing these egregious concerns potentially impacting adversely the public's education finances, policies, trust, confidence, and quality of life issues. Thank you for your time in this matter and hope to hear from you soon.

Sincerely,

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Districts clamping down on charter schools

By Amy Shipley and Karen Yi December 23, 2014

School districts deny charter-school applicants with ties to failed schools

Palm Beach County takes bold moves to regulate charter school industry

Districts crack down on charter schools to prevent failures

South Florida school districts are cracking down on the local charter school industry in the wake of a Sun-Sentinel investigation that exposed a rise in fly-by-night charter schools and few safeguards against renegade operators.

In a blitz of action in recent weeks, Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties have refused to allow applicants with ties to failed schools to open new ones while Broward and Palm have used legal or municipal muscle to try to stem abuses.

Several state lawmakers told the Sun Sentinel in November they would push for stronger laws during the next legislative session to ensure that newcomers to the charter school industry had financial backing and no prior history with shuttered schools.

But local school districts — feeling pressure to ensure that only quality operators settle in their communities — are taking matters into their own hands.

Florida's charter schools: Unsupervised

Palm Beach County's School Board has led the clampdown in recent weeks, denying every new charter school applicant for the first time in at least five years. In another rare move, the School Board this month approved taking legal action to recoup missing taxpayer dollars and public assets from a now-closed charter school.

"We want to set a precedent," said Jim Pegg, who oversees charter schools for the Palm Beach County school district. "We want everybody to know that we're just not going to sit back and allow this to happen. We're going to get our assets and our

money that belongs to the public."

Cities, too, are taking a stance against charter-school operators that open and close schools within months.

Commissioners in Lauderdale plan to impose a six-month moratorium on new charter schools to give city officials a chance to draw up laws that could require operators to undergo background checks and prove sooner that they have secured buildings for their schools. Tamarac officials also added new rules for any school opening within city limits, mandating that campuses have at least a 3-acre site, be in a free-standing building or have dedicated drop-off areas for students.

Charter schools, which were intended to foster innovation in public education, are taxpayer-funded but privately operated. There are more than 250 such schools in South Florida.

Though state laws do not require any background checks of those seeking to open new charter schools, district officials in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade each rejected a number of applicants with ties to failed schools during their annual review of proposed new charter schools. Some applications in Miami-Dade are still pending.

Broward rejected one application and Dade rejected four that listed Steve Gallon III as a consultant or point of contact. Gallon's company provided consulting services to charter schools in Broward and Palm Beach counties that shut down in 2013. At least three of the rejected schools have appealed the denials to the state; those cases are pending.

Gallon did not return a request for comment.

Broward also rejected an application submitted by Ann-Marie Manzano, who founded two Sunshine Academy charter schools in Broward and Miami-Dade that shut down in 2007. She withdrew her charter-school application in Dade. Manzano could not be reached for comment.

And Palm Beach County denied two applications from David Stiles, vice president of operations and development for Newpoint Education Partners, the company that managed two Magnolia charter schools that shut down in Broward two weeks into their first school year. Stiles declined comment.

The quick closures highlighted by the newspaper's probe have continued.

Just last week, a first-year charter school, Transitions Elementary in West Palm Beach, voluntarily shut down after fewer than four months of operation because of low enrollment and financial problems.

More than three dozen South Florida charter schools have shuttered or been ordered to close since the fall of 2012. The newspaper found that 10 of those schools lasted two months or fewer.

The Sun Sentinel reported in June that South Florida districts lost more than \$1 million over the last five years on schools that closed prematurely and didn't return taxpayer money intended for students. Pegg said operators often scatter when schools close, making it difficult for districts to recover money and district assets.

Though state law says unused charter-school dollars must be returned to the districts, it does not empower districts to recoup that cash.

But Pegg said the county decided to take an "aggressive strategy" with respect to the Charter School of Boynton Beach, which was forced to shut down in July for poor academics.

The Palm Beach County School Board last week approved taking legal action to collect public money and assets from the school, which opened in 2002. District officials say the school never gave back \$387,286 in taxpayer dollars it owed.

Officials and an attorney for the charter school did not return calls seeking comment.

"We're disappointed with the strength charter law provides us... so we will explore every opportunity legally we can," Pegg said.

The Palm Beach County School Board also rejected a charter-school application from Charter Schools USA, a large management company that operates 42 schools in Florida. The board said though the school met every application requirement, it lacked innovation and merely replicated existing programs.

A representative from Charter Schools USA said the company would review the decision before taking any action.

"We're not going to approve these charters that just fill out the paperwork properly and don't have anything special to offer our children," said board member Debra Robinson. "This is an act of civil disobedience, because some of this stuff we're told to do is crazy."

Robert Haag, president of the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools, reacted to the moves with skepticism. He lauded the districts' denials of applicants with ties to failed schools, but claimed they over-reached in other areas -- more eager to stamp out competition for traditional public schools than weed out bad apples.

"There is a difference between cracking down on a bad apple and actually trying to stop charter schools from opening," Haag said. Districts "have power when they want to have power."

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To: [Moulton, Diane](#)
Subject: Meeting with Melissa Sellers and possibly Gov. Scott
Date: Monday, December 29, 2014 3:43:29 PM
Attachments: [32C7A677-FDEA-43B1-95DC-D027982DC56E\[74\].png](#)

Diane,

Hope you are well and your holiday was wonderful! I wanted to reach out and put in the request that we'd like to meet with Melissa Sellers, and possibly the Gov. if he is available, to discuss our 2015 policy priorities. We're open to their schedules. Please let me know when they might have time to meet.

Thank you so much for your time!

Best,
Valerie

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Subject: Checking in
Date: Monday, December 29, 2014 5:26:45 PM

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Subject: Re: Fellows Thoughts - Publishing Papers
Date: Tuesday, December 30, 2014 9:44:50 AM

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Ted

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To: [Fenske, Taryn](#)
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Date: Friday, January 02, 2015 12:41:13 PM
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From: "Ivasco, Priscilla" <Priscilla.Ivasco@eog.myflorida.com>
Date: Monday, December 8, 2014 7:22 PM
To: Valerie Wickboldt <vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org>
Subject: Invitation to attend the Swearing In Ceremony for Governor Rick Scott

Friend of Governor Scott,

On behalf of Governor Rick Scott and First Lady Ann Scott, I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and a guest to attend the official Swearing-In Ceremony of Governor Rick Scott and Lieutenant Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, at The Old State Capitol, on January 6, 2015. The ceremony will begin at 11:00AM. Dress is business attire. If you could please [Click here for RSVP](#) by January 2, 2015, and fill out the requested information, it would be greatly appreciated. We hope that you will be able to join us. If I

can answer any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,
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Executive Office of the Governor
Office: 850-717-9327
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Date: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 7:57:21 AM

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Subject: Re: Bounce backs
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 10:04:10 AM

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To: [Gonzalez, Lourdes](#)
Subject: FW: Invitation for Lt. Governor to speak at Heritage Foundation event in Miami
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:11:05 PM
Attachments: [Lt Gov Lopez Cantera.pdf](#)

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Subject: RE: Invitation for Lt. Governor to speak at Heritage Foundation event in Miami
Date: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:11:36 PM

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Subject: RE: Invitation for Lt. Governor to speak at Heritage Foundation event in Miami
Date: Thursday, January 08, 2015 3:53:05 PM

Great!

Thanks Nick, really appreciate it!

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From: [Lawson, Stephen](#)
To: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
Subject: k12 quotes
Date: Saturday, January 10, 2015 3:25:06 PM

Here are the two I left on your chair in digital format

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From: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: Quotes
Date: Sunday, January 11, 2015 3:37:59 PM

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To: patrica@jeb.org
Subject: Fw: Quotes
Date: Sunday, January 11, 2015 3:59:35 PM

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From: [Vildostegui, Cody](#)
To: [Alvarez, Danielle](#)
Subject: Info
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 10:57:21 AM

Jonathan Hage - CEO, Charter Schools USA

Cody Vildostegui
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Alyssa Gill](#)
To: [Moulton, Diane](#); [Nash, Taylor](#)
Subject: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:35:48 AM
Attachments: [32C7A677-FDEA-43B1-95DC-D027982DC56E\[34\].png](#)
[First Lady Scott Breakfast Invitation.pdf](#)

Good Morning Diane and Taylor,

The James Madison Institute would like to host a breakfast on Monday, March 2nd to honor the first lady as the 2015 Legislative Session kicks off. I know Mr. Fred Leonhardt had previously spoken on JMI's behalf about the possibility and was instructed to have us connect with the both of you. I've attached a letter from our President/CEO and Chairman illustrating the details of our proposed event. Please let me know if you have any additional questions and how I can help us move forward with this event if the First Lady and Governor are still able to participate. Thanks for your assistance!

Wam Regards,
Alyssa

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December 30, 2014

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The Capitol
400 S. Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-0001

Dear Governor and Mrs. Scott,

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Our guests for the breakfast honoring the First Lady will be the spouses of Cabinet members, as well as the spouses of members of the Florida House and Senate. We also will invite some of JMI's closest friends to join us for this special occasion.

We are grateful to have had your participation in several of our events over the years, and we look forward to working with you in your continued quest to bring prosperity and increased economic freedom to the people of Florida.

Thank you for your consideration of our invitation. Please feel free to have your staff reach out to me by phone at (850) 386-3131 or email bob@jamesmadison.org at their earliest convenience.

Sincerely,



J. Robert McClure III, Ph.D.
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Subject: FW: SaintPetersBlog: Compilation of reactions to Gov. Scott education funding proposal
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 2:11:15 PM

How are we coming on WTAS. Want to get out asap. Also we need to FYI to council and foundation's statements from whatever blast they did.

From: News Alerts
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 2:10 PM
Subject: SaintPetersBlog: Compilation of reactions to Gov. Scott education funding proposal

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SaintPetersBlog

Peter Schorsch

January 12, 2015

<http://www.saintpetersblog.com/archives/174581>

Relying on continued growth in property values around the state, Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Monday proposed increasing the amount of money for the state's public schools.

Scott, who promised during his heated re-election campaign to raise school spending to historic levels, said he wants the average amount spent on each student to rise to \$7,176, or about \$261 higher than it is during this school year.

That would push the average amount to \$50 higher than it was in 2007, or before the collapse of the state's economy resulted in several years of budget cuts, culminating in a \$1.3 billion cut during Scott's first year in office.

Here is a compilation of reactions from education debate stakeholders.

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Florida Education Association:

"FEA applauds the governor for keeping his campaign promise and increasing the state's budget allotment for public school students. We look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to continue to invest to improve our local public

schools and helping all of the students who attend them.”

Foundation for Florida's Future:

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From: Scher, Nick [mailto:Nick.Scher@eog.myflorida.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 07, 2015 2:12 PM
To: Quintana, Ana
Subject: RE: Invitation for Lt. Governor to speak at Heritage Foundation event in Miami

Just submitted this to our scheduling department. I will be in touch soon.

From: Quintana, Ana [mailto:Ana.Quintana@heritage.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 06, 2015 3:09 PM
To: Scher, Nick
Subject: Invitation for Lt. Governor to speak at Heritage Foundation event in Miami

Hi Nick,

Great speaking to you earlier. Please find the invitation for the Lt. Governor attached. Like I mentioned, the event will be on February 5th in Miami, Florida at Florida International University and we would like to for him to deliver keynote remarks at either the lunch from 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM or the evening reception from 5:00 PM -7:00 PM.

Many thanks, look forward to speaking to you soon.

Best regards,

Ana

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Research Associate, Latin America

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Cc: [Sunburst](#)
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Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 2:22:57 PM

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Carlene Anderson
Superintendent, Walton County School District

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To: ["Alyssa Gill"; Moulton, Diane](#)
Subject: RE: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott
Date: Monday, January 12, 2015 5:08:39 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Moulton, Diane; Nash, Taylor
Subject: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott

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From: [Moulton, Diane](#)
To: [Valerie Wickboldt](#)
Cc: [Gaillard, Bill](#)
Subject: RE: Meeting with Melissa Sellers and possibly Gov. Scott
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 7:14:20 AM
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Hi Valerie,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Melissa has suggested that you meet with our Policy Director, Jeff Woodburn. I have copied Jeff's assistant, Bill, on this email to put you in touch with him. Hope you're doing well!

From: Valerie Wickboldt [mailto:vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org]
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Diane,

Hope you are well and your holiday was wonderful! I wanted to reach out and put in the request that we'd like to meet with Melissa Sellers, and possibly the Gov. if he is available, to discuss our 2015 policy priorities. We're open to their schedules. Please let me know when they might have time to meet.

Thank you so much for your time!

Best,
Valerie

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Thanks for your reply Taylor! I understand you are still working on the First Lady's calendar. Do you think you might have a better understanding of her schedule by the beginning of February? I just want to make sure we have enough time to sufficiently invite guests, as some of the member's wives might not always travel to Tallahassee for the beginning of session. I look forward to hearing from you all in the next couple of weeks.

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Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "I am grateful that Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget' increases the state's education funding to the highest level in our state's history. There has never been a better time for education in Florida. Our students have achieved tremendous success in recent years and Governor Scott's budget will keep our state on a trajectory to reach even greater heights."

Patricia Levesque, of the Foundation for Florida’s Future, said, “The Foundation for Florida’s Future is proud to support Governor Scott’s proposal to increase education spending to record levels. Making education a priority is the smartest investment for the future. How state dollars are used is as important as the dollars themselves, and this historic funding will go a long way to ensure every child in Florida is equipped to achieve success in college and a career. Florida’s commitment to providing every student with access to a high-quality education is a model for the nation, and we applaud Governor Scott for working to keep that promise.”

Andy Ford, President of the Florida Education Association said, “FEA applauds the governor for keeping his campaign promise and increasing the state’s budget allotment for public school students. We look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to continue to invest to improve our local public schools and helping all of the students who attend them.”

Rhea Law, of the Florida Council of 100, said, “The Florida Council of 100 knows that we have the best and brightest leaders of tomorrow in our classrooms today. That is why Governor Scott’s proposed budget of \$7,176 per student is excellent news for Florida students, teachers and parents. When paired with the successful policy reforms of the past 15 years, this funding will continue to elevate Florida’s excellence in the classroom and make us a beacon for learning and growth. By continuing to invest in education, Governor Scott is building on Florida’s success to become the very best state to live, work and get a great education.”

State Board of Education Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Today's announcement underscores Governor Scott's commitment to Florida families and their futures. Our state's students are fortunate to have some of the nation's best principals and teachers, and this record-setting investment in per pupil funding will ensure they all have the necessary resources to continue thriving."

State Board of Education Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Governor Scott's budget request demonstrates a significant investment in children and families. All students deserve access to a world-class education and I am proud that in Florida we are actively working to provide students with the tools they need to succeed and make Florida an even better place for future generations."

State Board of Education Vice Chair John R. Padget said, "I want to praise Governor Scott for placing an emphasis on Florida's greatest asset - our children. A quality education sets the foundation for a lifetime of success, and I am confident that this historic per pupil funding will have a significant positive impact on our state for many years to come."

State Board of Education Member Andy Tuck said, "As a steward of taxpayer dollars, the state has a responsibility to make sure Floridians get a good return on our investment in public education. Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to achieve, and I expect we will see even more success as a result of the historic per pupil education funding in Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'

State Board of Education Member Marva Johnson said, "It is vital that our state's students have access to the best education possible. By continuing to focus on Florida's students in his 'Keep Florida Working Budget,' Governor Scott has demonstrated his unyielding resolve to make our state the best place to live and work."

State Board of Education Member John A. Colón said, "All families want their children to receive an education that will prepare them for a good job. Governor Scott's dedication to our state's students and families is commendable, and I am proud to offer my full support of the 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'"

Ralph Yoder, Superintendent, Calhoun County School District, said, "Governor Scott has shown a strong commitment to excellence in education. We are grateful for his recommended increase in per student funding, which will continue to make Florida a great place to be prepared for college and careers."

Jacob Oliva, Superintendent, Flagler County School District, said, "Increasing per pupil spending to a record level of \$7,176 as Governor Scott has proposed is great news for Florida families. Governor Scott continues to be a strong leader for Florida's education system and for that we applaud him."

Sandra "Sam" Himmel, Superintendent, Citrus County School District, said, "Governor Scott continues to be a champion of education in Florida. Historic investments such as his proposed record per student funding of \$7,176 is outstanding news for Florida's students, teachers and parents."

Carlene Anderson, Superintendent, Walton County School District, said, "Funding is essential to a great education system, and Gov. Scott continues to show strong leadership in our state. His proposal to increase per pupil funding to \$7,176 will support the rigorous expectations that have placed Florida as a model for education."

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County School District said, "I commend Governor Scott for prioritizing Florida students in his 2015-16 'Keep Florida Working Budget.' Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to succeed, and this historic investment in education will afford educators even more opportunities to help students thrive."

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County School District, said, "I applaud Governor Scott for proposing historic per pupil funding for Florida's education system. Efforts to improve our economy, have made this investment possible. The benefit for students will be significant for years to come."

Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County School District, said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for his dedication to Florida's families. A good education is directly related to future job opportunities, and I am confident that, with the highest per pupil funding in the state's history, our students will continue to rank among the top in the nation."

Senator Bill Montford, CEO, Florida Association of School District Superintendents said, "I applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to Florida students. The historic K-12 and per pupil funding of \$7,176 is welcomed by school districts throughout Florida and will be reflected ultimately in higher student achievement."

Jim Horne, President & CEO, Florida Charter School Alliance said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for recommending historic per pupil funding of \$7,176. Under his leadership, Florida will continue to be a beacon for economic success."

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce said, "The Florida Chamber supports Governor Scott in his efforts to make Florida number one in education. Investing in a high-quality education can help ensure Florida's students are prepared for the high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future."

Brewster Bevis, Senior VP of State & Federal Affairs, Associated Industries of Florida said, "Governor Scott continues to make strong investments in education with his proposed per pupil spending of \$7,176, the highest in state history. This extraordinary funding ensures that Florida's teachers and students are set up to succeed, and Governor Scott has been pivotal in seeing that through."

Mindy Haas, President, Florida PTA said, "Florida PTA appreciates that Governor Scott and his office want the best for Florida's students. He has committed to prioritize education with historic recommendations of \$19.75 billion in total K-12 spending as well as \$7,176 in per pupil spending this coming year. Florida PTA will continue to work with Governor Scott and the legislature to assure the money is allocated properly and all children across the state will benefit."

Dr. Juhan Mixon, CEO, Florida Association of School Administrators said, “As a part of the “Keep Florida Working” Budget, Governor Scott understands the importance of supporting Florida’s education system. It is great to see that at the start of his second term, he is recommending unprecedented state funding and per student funding for Florida public schools. It is important for Florida to keep the momentum going for high achievement of all of our students and this is a great step in reinforcing Florida’s excellence.”

Dr. Jim Surrency, Executive Director, North East Florida Educational Consortium said, “The great news of a recommended increase in per pupil funding for Florida students is a testament to Governor Rick Scott’s prioritization of the quality of our state education. We are breaking records here in the Sunshine State for education, and it is exciting to see these historic investments for Florida’s teachers and students. Florida’s small and rural school districts applaud Governor Scott’s leadership.”

Pat McDaniel, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium said, “Education is a top priority in Florida. It is important to provide the necessary resources for the success of our students and teachers, and I am happy to hear of the proposed increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Governor Scott’s leadership is key to this year’s historic investment for Florida students. The small and rural school districts in Florida’s Panhandle appreciate Governor Scott’s concern for education.”

Dr. Debra Elliott, Executive Director, Heartland Educational Consortium said, “The three consortiums (HEC, NEFEC, and PAEC), representing the small and rural districts of Florida are thrilled to hear of the substantial increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Kudos to Governor Scott and his staff for committing additional funds toward the investment of our young people. This increase enhances opportunities for increasing student achievement in our rural districts.”

Ralph Arza, Director of Governmental Affairs, Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools said, “Last year, we experienced the highest level of K-12 education funding in state history with \$18.9 billion provided in the budget. Now, we are seeing an even greater priority for Florida’s students with a recommended total of \$19.75 billion this year as well as a record of \$7,176 in per pupil spending.”

Dominic Calabro, President & CEO, Florida Tax Watch said, “Florida students are better prepared to succeed in the classroom and in their chosen careers thanks to the thoughtful investment by the Governor and Legislature in historic state education funding and per student funding levels in our state’s public school system. Florida taxpayers should embrace Governor Scott’s recommended investment of \$7,176 in per pupil spending that will provide returns for years to come. Investing in Florida students’ education today will ensure a brighter future for the Sunshine State tomorrow as our students are better equipped to fill high-wage, high-skilled jobs.”

Marsan Carr, Executive Director, Florida Association for Career and Technical Education said, “I would like to thank Governor Scott for his work on today’s historic announcement of per pupil funding. We look forward to our continued work together to ensure that all Florida students can get a great education that prepares them for higher education and for a rewarding career in the 21st century.”

Rick Shirley, Chair, Small School District Council Consortium, Superintendent,

Sumter County School District said, "Florida's small school districts applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to seek historic funding levels for Florida's K-12 Public Schools. It is important that each student is provided the resources needed to succeed in the classroom. Today's announcement by Governor Rick Scott is a big step in that direction. I would like to thank the Governor for recommending to get us to an historic level \$7,176 in per pupil funding. The Small School District Council Consortium is eager to work with the Governor and the members of the legislature to meet the needs of students throughout Florida."

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Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] RE: Statewide TV Coverage and "What They Are Saying" Regarding Governor Scott's Historic K-12 Funding Announcement
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 11:54:43 AM
Importance: High

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Cc: MEYER.REYNOLD; Mears, Kathy; Ott, Linzee
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Cc: [Gaillard, Bill](#)
Subject: Re: Meeting with Melissa Sellers and possibly Gov. Scott
Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 12:46:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
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Diane – Completely understandable. Thank you for reaching back out, and let Melissa know we are grateful to have her input.

Bill – Very nice to meet you virtually. We would love to schedule a meeting with Jeff as soon as he is available. What days/times work for him? The goal of the meeting is to provide an overview of our policy priorities and let you all know what we have coming through the pipeline.

Thank you both!

Best,
Valerie

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To: Valerie Wickboldt <vwickboldt@jamesmadison.org>
Cc: "Gaillard, Bill" <Bill.Gaillard@LASPBS.STATE.FL.US>
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Hi Valerie,

I apologize for the delay in responding. Melissa has suggested that you meet with our Policy Director, Jeff Woodburn. I have copied Jeff's assistant, Bill, on this email to put you in touch with him. Hope you're doing well!

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Thank you so much for your time!

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State Board of Education Member Marva Johnson said, "It is vital that our state's students have access to the best education possible. By continuing to focus on Florida's students in his 'Keep Florida Working Budget,' Governor Scott has demonstrated his unyielding resolve to make our state the best place to live and work."

State Board of Education Member John A. Colón said, "All families want their children to receive an education that will prepare them for a good job. Governor Scott's dedication to our state's students and families is commendable, and I am proud to offer my full support of the 'Keep Florida Working Budget.'"

Ralph Yoder, Superintendent, Calhoun County School District, said, "Governor Scott has shown a strong commitment to excellence in education. We are grateful for his recommended increase in per student funding, which will continue to make Florida a great place to be prepared for college and careers."

Jacob Oliva, Superintendent, Flagler County School District, said, "Increasing per pupil spending to a record level of \$7,176 as Governor Scott has proposed is great news for Florida families. Governor Scott continues to be a strong leader for Florida's education system and for that we applaud him."

Sandra "Sam" Himmel, Superintendent, Citrus County School District, said,

“Governor Scott continues to be a champion of education in Florida. Historic investments such as his proposed record per student funding of \$7,176 is outstanding news for Florida’s students, teachers and parents.”

Carlene Anderson, Superintendent, Walton County School District, said, “Funding is essential to a great education system, and Gov. Scott continues to show strong leadership in our state. His proposal to increase per pupil funding to \$7,176 will support the rigorous expectations that have placed Florida as a model for education.”

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County School District said, "I commend Governor Scott for prioritizing Florida students in his 2015-16 'Keep Florida Working Budget.' Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to succeed, and this historic investment in education will afford educators even more opportunities to help students thrive."

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County School District, said, "I applaud Governor Scott for proposing historic per pupil funding for Florida's education system. Efforts to improve our economy, have made this investment possible. The benefit for students will be significant for years to come."

Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County School District, said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for his dedication to Florida's families. A good education is directly related to future job opportunities, and I am confident that, with the highest per pupil funding in the state's history, our students will continue to rank among the top in the nation."

Senator Bill Montford, CEO, Florida Association of School District Superintendents said, “I applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to Florida students. The historic K-12 and per pupil funding of \$7,176 is welcomed by school districts throughout Florida and will be reflected ultimately in higher student achievement.”

Jim Horne, President & CEO, Florida Charter School Alliance said, “I want to thank Governor Scott for recommending historic per pupil funding of \$7,176. Under his leadership, Florida will continue to be a beacon for economic success.”

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce said, “The Florida Chamber supports Governor Scott in his efforts to make Florida number one in education. Investing in a high-quality education can help ensure Florida’s students are prepared for the high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future.”

Brewster Bevis, Senior VP of State & Federal Affairs, Associated Industries of Florida said, “Governor Scott continues to make strong investments in education with his proposed per pupil spending of \$7,176, the highest in state history. This extraordinary funding ensures that Florida’s teachers and students are set up to succeed, and Governor Scott has been pivotal in seeing that through.”

Mindy Haas, President, Florida PTA said, “Florida PTA appreciates that Governor Scott and his office want the best for Florida’s students. He has committed to

prioritize education with historic recommendations of \$19.75 billion in total K-12 spending as well as \$7,176 in per pupil spending this coming year. Florida PTA will continue to work with Governor Scott and the legislature to assure the money is allocated properly and all children across the state will benefit.”

Dr. Juhan Mixon, CEO, Florida Association of School Administrators said, “As a part of the “Keep Florida Working” Budget, Governor Scott understands the importance of supporting Florida’s education system. It is great to see that at the start of his second term, he is recommending unprecedented state funding and per student funding for Florida public schools. It is important for Florida to keep the momentum going for high achievement of all of our students and this is a great step in reinforcing Florida’s excellence.”

Dr. Jim Surrency, Executive Director, North East Florida Educational Consortium said, “The great news of a recommended increase in per pupil funding for Florida students is a testament to Governor Rick Scott’s prioritization of the quality of our state education. We are breaking records here in the Sunshine State for education, and it is exciting to see these historic investments for Florida’s teachers and students. Florida’s small and rural school districts applaud Governor Scott’s leadership.”

Pat McDaniel, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium said, “Education is a top priority in Florida. It is important to provide the necessary resources for the success of our students and teachers, and I am happy to hear of the proposed increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Governor Scott’s leadership is key to this year’s historic investment for Florida students. The small and rural school districts in Florida’s Panhandle appreciate Governor Scott’s concern for education.”

Dr. Debra Elliott, Executive Director, Heartland Educational Consortium said, “The three consortiums (HEC, NEFEC, and PAEC), representing the small and rural districts of Florida are thrilled to hear of the substantial increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Kudos to Governor Scott and his staff for committing additional funds toward the investment of our young people. This increase enhances opportunities for increasing student achievement in our rural districts.”

Ralph Arza, Director of Governmental Affairs, Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools said, “Last year, we experienced the highest level of K-12 education funding in state history with \$18.9 billion provided in the budget. Now, we are seeing an even greater priority for Florida’s students with a recommended total of \$19.75 billion this year as well as a record of \$7,176 in per pupil spending.”

Dominic Calabro, President & CEO, Florida Tax Watch said, “Florida students are better prepared to succeed in the classroom and in their chosen careers thanks to the thoughtful investment by the Governor and Legislature in historic state education funding and per student funding levels in our state’s public school system. Florida taxpayers should embrace Governor Scott’s recommended investment of \$7,176 in per pupil spending that will provide returns for years to come. Investing in Florida students’ education today will ensure a brighter future for the Sunshine State tomorrow as our students are better equipped to fill high-wage, high-skilled jobs.”

Marsan Carr, Executive Director, Florida Association for Career and Technical Education said, “I would like to thank Governor Scott for his work on today’s historic

announcement of per pupil funding. We look forward to our continued work together to ensure that all Florida students can get a great education that prepares them for higher education and for a rewarding career in the 21st century.”

Rick Shirley, Chair, Small School District Council Consortium, Superintendent, Sumter County School District said, "Florida's small school districts applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to seek historic funding levels for Florida's K-12 Public Schools. It is important that each student is provided the resources needed to succeed in the classroom. Today's announcement by Governor Rick Scott is a big step in that direction. I would like to thank the Governor for recommending to get us to an historic level \$7,176 in per pupil funding. The Small School District Council Consortium is eager to work with the Governor and the members of the legislature to meet the needs of students throughout Florida.”

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Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:32:43 PM

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Date: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 10:18:24 PM

Thank you, Tom. Look forward to meeting you on Thursday. I have an event with the Governor tomorrow so I will not be at your planning meeting, but please let me know if anything changes and we will accommodate. I will be available anytime after 3pm if we need to download.

Best,
Christine

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Sent: Tue 1/13/2015 10:01 PM
To: Priscilla Perez
Cc: Diaz, Christine; Fernando Zulueta
Subject: Re: Thursday Jan 15th

Hello Christine,

Very nice to meet you. We look forward working with you and the team. You have all the parts you need. Please find my cell 323-337-6563. I'll be landing in Miami later tonight but if you need anything immediately please let me know. By the way, Pitbull's full name is Armando Christian Perez. I'll get you his mini bio separately.

Thank you and appreciated,
Tom

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Cc: [Moulton, Diane](#)
Subject: RE: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 2:44:14 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Yes! We should have a better idea at that time. Thank you, Alyssa.

From: Alyssa Gill [mailto:agill@jamesmadison.org]
Sent: Tuesday, January 13, 2015 9:40 AM
To: Nash, Taylor
Cc: Moulton, Diane
Subject: Re: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott

Thanks for your reply Taylor! I understand you are still working on the First Lady's calendar. Do you think you might have a better understanding of her schedule by the beginning of February? I just want to make sure we have enough time to sufficiently invite guests, as some of the member's wives might not always travel to Tallahassee for the beginning of session. I look forward to hearing from you all in the next couple of weeks.

Best,
Alyssa

On Mon, Jan 12, 2015 at 5:08 PM, Nash, Taylor <Taylor.Nash@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:
Hi Alyssa! Thank you for the e-mail. I enjoyed meeting Mr. Leonhardt during the inaugural events. We have not started scheduling the First Lady for the month of March quite yet. Can Diane and I let you know in the next couple of weeks as we continue building out the First Lady's calendar? Thank you for your patience.

From: Alyssa Gill [mailto:agill@jamesmadison.org]
Sent: Monday, January 12, 2015 11:35 AM
To: Moulton, Diane; Nash, Taylor
Subject: JMI Breakfast in honor of First Lady Scott

Good Morning Diane and Taylor,

The James Madison Institute would like to host a breakfast on Monday, March 2nd to honor the first lady as the 2015 Legislative Session kicks off. I know Mr. Fred Leonhardt had previously spoken on JMI's behalf about the possibility and was instructed to have us connect with the both of you. I've attached a letter from our President/CEO and Chairman illustrating the details of our proposed event. Please let me know if you have any additional questions and how I can help us move forward with this event if the First Lady and Governor are still able to participate. Thanks for your assistance!

Wam Regards,
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To: [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Fwd: City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado will join Pitbull for a Special Announcement at SLAM! (Sports Leadership and Management Academy)
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 4:39:19 PM

Hey Jeri,

Just double checking that this is on the gov's calendar for tmrw. Thanks!

Best,
Kat

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From: **City of Miami Alert** <communications@miamigov.com>
Date: Wed, Jan 14, 2015 at 3:43 PM
Subject: City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado will join Pitbull for a Special Announcement at SLAM! (Sports Leadership and Management Academy)
To: kmcgrory@miamiherald.com



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**City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado will join Pitbull
for a Special Announcement at SLAM!
(Sports Leadership and Management Academy)**

(Miami, FL January 14, 2015) - City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado will join Armando Christian Perez aka Pitbull for his birthday celebration with the students of SLAM! Academy charter school, and Principal Alex Tamargo for a special announcement regarding the future expansion of the academy. Mayor Regalado and Pitbull will be joined by State of Florida Governor Rick Scott, Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez-Cantera, Florida House of Representatives 14th District Representative Erik Fresen, SLAM! Chairman of the Board Rene Ruiz, and Academica Founder and President Fernando Zulueta.

Sports Leadership and Management Academy (SLAM!) is a public charter school for 6th through 12th grade students seeking careers in the Sports Leadership and Management industries. "We are so proud of Mr. Perez's commitment to his hometown. Both at home and internationally, Pitbull embodies the cultural richness and diversity that unites the residents of the City of Miami. Mr. 305 is a beacon of inspiration for future generations," stated Mayor Regalado. Adding, "Pitbull is Miami."

WHO: Mayor Tomas Regalado, Armando Christian Perez aka Pitbull, State of Florida Governor Rick Scott, Lt. Governor Carlos Lopez Cantera, Florida House of Representatives 14th District Representative Erik Fresen, SLAM! Chairman of the Board Rene Ruiz, and Academica Founder and President Fernando Zulueta.

WHAT: Pitbull's Special Announcement at SLAM!
WHEN: Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 11:00 am
WHERE: SLAM! Sports Leadership and Management Academy
604 NW 12 Avenue
Miami, FL

Angel Zayon
Approved
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From: [Wyland, Kerri](#)
To: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
Cc: [Ivasco, Priscilla](#)
Subject: UPDATED
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 6:34:16 PM

- Thank you so much for having me here today to celebrate the expansion of Slam! Sports Leadership and Management Charter School.
- I would like to thank Armando Perez – Pitbull- for all he has done for this exceptional school. He truly is committed to making sure all the students here have access to a world class education.
- AND I WOULD LIKE TO ALSO WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY.
- In recognition of all of your incredible work, I would now like to present you with the Florida Ambassador of the Arts Award.
- This award is granted to those whose dedication and exceptional contributions to the arts help enhance the quality of Florida's diverse culture.
- Arts and culture help drive our economy and encourage business to create jobs and opportunities.
- PRESENT AWARD; HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- Thank you Fernando Zulueta, President of Academica Corporation Charter Schools, Representative Erik Fresen and City of Miami Mayor Tomas Regalado for joining us today.
- Thank you also to Alex Tamargo, Principal here at Slam! It is great to see your facility and meet all of your students.
- We know the workers and leaders of tomorrow are in our classrooms today and that is why earlier this week we announced that our proposed "Keep Florida Working Budget" will fund per student and total K-12 education at their highest levels in state history.
- That means per student funding will be an increase of \$50 per student over the previous record year in 2007.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- We already had the highest total spending in K-12 last year and had the highest total spending in K-12 last year and gave every teacher the opportunity for a pay raise.
- Last year, we invested a total of \$18.9 billion in K-12 education, which was the

highest to that point.

- Today, we are increasing that investment for a new record total towards education Florida's students.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- Also, today, we are proud to announce that in our "KEEP FLORIDA WORKING" budget, we will propose \$100 million for the fixed capital outlay needs of Florida charter schools.
- This is an increase of \$25 million from this year.
- HOLD FOR APPLAUSE
- This means that we are continuing to invest to ensure that all of Florida's schools are up-to-date with the technology required to help our students succeed.

From: [Diaz, Christine](#)
To: [Priscilla Perez](#)
Subject: RE: Thursday Jan 15th
Date: Wednesday, January 14, 2015 7:26:42 PM

priscilla, please call me i can not open some of these attachments. Also, please send bios in word

-----Original Message-----

From: Priscilla Perez [<mailto:pris Perez77@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tue 1/13/2015 10:42 PM
To: Diaz, Christine
Subject: Re: Thursday Jan 15th

Hi!

Here are the bio's for Fernando Zulueta, Alex Tamargo and the SLAM! Board members. I am attaching a head shot of Fernando, I will owe you Alex's. I could not find one in my files, I have to get it from the school tomorrow. I also owe you the list of the City Officials.

Thanks!

Regards,

Priscilla Perez
(305) 989-0517
pris Perez77@gmail.com

> On Jan 13, 2015, at 10:03 PM, Diaz, Christine <Christine.Diaz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

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> Thank you, Priscilla. I appreciate it.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Priscilla Perez [<mailto:pris Perez77@gmail.com> <<mailto:pris Perez77@gmail.com>>]

> Sent: Tue 1/13/2015 9:54 PM

> To: Diaz, Christine

> Cc: Tom Muzquiz; Fernando Zulueta

> Subject: Re: Thursday Jan 15th

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> Great! Will follow with those shortly. Thanks

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> Sent from my iPhone ~

> Please excuse any typos, autocorrect and SIRI have a mind of their own.

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> > On Jan 13, 2015, at 9:51 PM, Diaz, Christine <Christine.Diaz@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

> >

> > Thank you, Priscilla. Pleasure meeting you today.
> >
> > The Governor has been briefed on the tentative schedule we discussed today - movements, speaking order, etc. If anything changes please let me know.
> >
> > If you can please provide the following:
> >
> > Bio for Mr Zulueta
> > Photo of Mr Zulueta
> > Bio for Mr Tamargo
> > Photo of Mr Tamargo
> > Official bio for Mr Armando Christian Perez "Pitbull"
> >
> > Thank you for hosting the Governor. We look forward to a wonderful event.
> >
> > Best,
> >
> > Christine M. Diaz
> > Regional Director, Executive Office of the Governor
> > 7862517580 cell
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> >>
> >> Hi Christine !
> >>
> >> On copy is Tom Muzquiz, Pitbull's publicist as well as Fernando Zulueta he founder of Academica. Gentlemen Christine is with Gov. Scott's team.
> >>
> >> We are all working on the tentative program for the event Thursday. As I mentioned this afternoon, after our meeting tomorrow morning we will have a final agenda. Just wanted to get everyone together on an email.
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From: [Matt Gaetz](#)
To: [McDougal, Kim](#)
Subject: [Spam:***** SpamScore] Re: Statewide TV Coverage and "What They Are Saying" Regarding Governor Scott's Historic K-12 Funding Announcement
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 12:18:52 AM

Good stuff. What's your cell?

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On Jan 13, 2015, at 10:14 AM, "McDougal, Kim"
<Kim.McDougal@eog.myflorida.com> wrote:

STATEWIDE TV COVERAGE ON GOVERNOR SCOTT'S HISTORIC K-12 FUNDING ANNOUNCEMENT

- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Statewide**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[Associated Press](#):
“Scott, who promised during his heated re-election campaign to increase school spending to historic levels, said he wants the average amount spent on each student to rise to \$7,176, about \$261 higher than was allocated this school year.”
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[News Service Of Florida](#): “Making good on a campaign promise, Gov. Rick Scott announced Monday he will ask lawmakers to provide the highest per-student funding for education in state history during the legislative session that begins in March. Scott said his “Keep Florida Working” budget would include \$7,176 per student, about \$50 above the previous high in the 2007-08 budget year.”
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Pensacola TV**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WEAR](#): “Governor Rick Scott announced proposal to hike per pupil spending to record high...”
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WEAR](#): “Scott says he’ll propose increasing spending on public schools by more than \$800 million...”
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Panama City TV**
<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WMBB](#): “...He is proposing to boost education spending for the next school year to the highest in history, \$7,176 per student...”
- <!--[if !supportLists]-->• <!--[endif]-->**Tallahassee TV**
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includes more than \$7,100 per student. That's about \$50 more than the previous record..."

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WCJB](#): "...he wants the average amount spent every year on each student to rise to more than \$7,000."

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WOFL](#): "Districts will get more than \$7,100 per student, \$50 more than they've ever gotten..."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->● <!--[endif]-->Fort Myers TV

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WFTX](#): "That would boost the average amount spent on each student to just over \$7,000."

<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WINK](#): "That translates to about 261 more dollars per student this year."

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<!--[if !supportLists]-->○ <!--[endif]-->[WPEC](#): "That roughly breaks down to \$7,200 per student..."

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approve, it would raise overall public school funding to nearly \$20 billion.”

STATEWIDE GROUPS PUSH FOR HISTORIC PER PUPIL FUNDING

Education Commissioner Pam Stewart said, "I am grateful that Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget' increases the state's education funding to the highest level in our state's history. There has never been a better time for education in Florida. Our students have achieved tremendous success in recent years and Governor Scott's budget will keep our state on a trajectory to reach even greater heights."

Patricia Levesque, of the Foundation for Florida's Future, said, "The Foundation for Florida's Future is proud to support Governor Scott's proposal to increase education spending to record levels. Making education a priority is the smartest investment for the future. How state dollars are used is as important as the dollars themselves, and this historic funding will go a long way to ensure every child in Florida is equipped to achieve success in college and a career. Florida's commitment to providing every student with access to a high-quality education is a model for the nation, and we applaud Governor Scott for working to keep that promise."

Andy Ford, President of the Florida Education Association said, "FEA applauds the governor for keeping his campaign promise and increasing the state's budget allotment for public school students. We look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to continue to invest to improve our local public schools and helping all of the students who attend them."

Rhea Law, of the Florida Council of 100, said, "The Florida Council of 100 knows that we have the best and brightest leaders of tomorrow in our classrooms today. That is why Governor Scott's proposed budget of \$7,176 per student is excellent news for Florida students, teachers and parents. When paired with the successful policy reforms of the past 15 years, this funding will continue to elevate Florida's excellence in the classroom and make us a beacon for learning and growth. By continuing to invest in education, Governor Scott is building on Florida's success to become the very best state to live, work and get a great education."

State Board of Education Chair Gary Chartrand said, "Today's announcement underscores Governor Scott's commitment to Florida families and their futures. Our state's students are fortunate to have some of the nation's best principals and teachers, and this record-setting investment in per pupil funding will ensure they all have the necessary resources to continue thriving."

State Board of Education Member Rebecca Fishman Lipsey said, "Governor Scott's budget request demonstrates a significant investment in children and families. All students deserve access to a world-class

education and I am proud that in Florida we are actively working to provide students with the tools they need to succeed and make Florida an even better place for future generations.”

State Board of Education Vice Chair John R. Padgett said, "I want to praise Governor Scott for placing an emphasis on Florida's greatest asset - our children. A quality education sets the foundation for a lifetime of success, and I am confident that this historic per pupil funding will have a significant positive impact on our state for many years to come.”

State Board of Education Member Andy Tuck said, "As a steward of taxpayer dollars, the state has a responsibility to make sure Floridians get a good return on our investment in public education. Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to achieve, and I expect we will see even more success as a result of the historic per pupil education funding in Governor Scott's 'Keep Florida Working Budget.’

State Board of Education Member Marva Johnson said, "It is vital that our state's students have access to the best education possible. By continuing to focus on Florida's students in his 'Keep Florida Working Budget,' Governor Scott has demonstrated his unyielding resolve to make our state the best place to live and work.”

State Board of Education Member John A. Colón said, "All families want their children to receive an education that will prepare them for a good job. Governor Scott's dedication to our state's students and families is commendable, and I am proud to offer my full support of the 'Keep Florida Working Budget.”

Ralph Yoder, Superintendent, Calhoun County School District, said, “Governor Scott has shown a strong commitment to excellence in education. We are grateful for his recommended increase in per student funding, which will continue to make Florida a great place to be prepared for college and careers.”

Jacob Oliva, Superintendent, Flagler County School District, said, “Increasing per pupil spending to a record level of \$7,176 as Governor Scott has proposed is great news for Florida families. Governor Scott continues to be a strong leader for Florida’s education system and for that we applaud him.”

Sandra “Sam” Himmel, Superintendent, Citrus County School District, said, “Governor Scott continues to be a champion of education in Florida. Historic investments such as his proposed record per student funding of \$7,176 is outstanding news for Florida’s students, teachers and parents.”

Carlene Anderson, Superintendent, Walton County School District, said, “Funding is essential to a great education system, and Gov. Scott continues to show strong leadership in our state. His proposal to increase

per pupil funding to \$7,176 will support the rigorous expectations that have placed Florida as a model for education.”

Alberto M. Carvalho, Superintendent, Miami-Dade County School District said, "I commend Governor Scott for prioritizing Florida students in his 2015-16 'Keep Florida Working Budget.' Our students have demonstrated a strong desire and ability to succeed, and this historic investment in education will afford educators even more opportunities to help students thrive."

Dr. Barbara Jenkins, Superintendent, Orange County School District, said, "I applaud Governor Scott for proposing historic per pupil funding for Florida's education system. Efforts to improve our economy, have made this investment possible. The benefit for students will be significant for years to come."

Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent, Pinellas County School District, said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for his dedication to Florida's families. A good education is directly related to future job opportunities, and I am confident that, with the highest per pupil funding in the state's history, our students will continue to rank among the top in the nation."

Senator Bill Montford, CEO, Florida Association of School District Superintendents said, "I applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to Florida students. The historic K-12 and per pupil funding of \$7,176 is welcomed by school districts throughout Florida and will be reflected ultimately in higher student achievement."

Jim Horne, President & CEO, Florida Charter School Alliance said, "I want to thank Governor Scott for recommending historic per pupil funding of \$7,176. Under his leadership, Florida will continue to be a beacon for economic success."

Mark Wilson, President & CEO, Florida Chamber of Commerce said, "The Florida Chamber supports Governor Scott in his efforts to make Florida number one in education. Investing in a high-quality education can help ensure Florida's students are prepared for the high-skill, high-wage jobs of the future."

Brewster Bevis, Senior VP of State & Federal Affairs, Associated Industries of Florida said, "Governor Scott continues to make strong investments in education with his proposed per pupil spending of \$7,176, the highest in state history. This extraordinary funding ensures that Florida's teachers and students are set up to succeed, and Governor Scott has been pivotal in seeing that through."

Mindy Haas, President, Florida PTA said, "Florida PTA appreciates that Governor Scott and his office want the best for Florida's students. He has committed to prioritize education with historic recommendations of \$19.75 billion in total K-12 spending as well as \$7,176 in per pupil spending this

coming year. Florida PTA will continue to work with Governor Scott and the legislature to assure the money is allocated properly and all children across the state will benefit.”

Dr. Juhan Mixon, CEO, Florida Association of School Administrators said, “As a part of the “Keep Florida Working” Budget, Governor Scott understands the importance of supporting Florida’s education system. It is great to see that at the start of his second term, he is recommending unprecedented state funding and per student funding for Florida public schools. It is important for Florida to keep the momentum going for high achievement of all of our students and this is a great step in reinforcing Florida’s excellence.”

Dr. Jim Surrency, Executive Director, North East Florida Educational Consortium said, “The great news of a recommended increase in per pupil funding for Florida students is a testament to Governor Rick Scott’s prioritization of the quality of our state education. We are breaking records here in the Sunshine State for education, and it is exciting to see these historic investments for Florida’s teachers and students. Florida’s small and rural school districts applaud Governor Scott’s leadership.”

Pat McDaniel, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium said, “Education is a top priority in Florida. It is important to provide the necessary resources for the success of our students and teachers, and I am happy to hear of the proposed increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Governor Scott’s leadership is key to this year’s historic investment for Florida students. The small and rural school districts in Florida’s Panhandle appreciate Governor Scott’s concern for education.”

Dr. Debra Elliott, Executive Director, Heartland Educational Consortium said, “The three consortiums (HEC, NEFEC, and PAEC), representing the small and rural districts of Florida are thrilled to hear of the substantial increase in per pupil funding to \$7,176. Kudos to Governor Scott and his staff for committing additional funds toward the investment of our young people. This increase enhances opportunities for increasing student achievement in our rural districts.”

Ralph Arza, Director of Governmental Affairs, Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools said, “Last year, we experienced the highest level of K-12 education funding in state history with \$18.9 billion provided in the budget. Now, we are seeing an even greater priority for Florida’s students with a recommended total of \$19.75 billion this year as well as a record of \$7,176 in per pupil spending.”

Dominic Calabro, President & CEO, Florida Tax Watch said, “Florida students are better prepared to succeed in the classroom and in their chosen careers thanks to the thoughtful investment by the Governor and Legislature in historic state education funding and per student funding levels in our state’s public school system. Florida taxpayers should embrace Governor Scott’s recommended investment of \$7,176 in per pupil spending that will provide returns for years to come. Investing in Florida students’ education today will ensure a brighter future for the

Sunshine State tomorrow as our students are better equipped to fill high-wage, high-skilled jobs.”

Marsan Carr, Executive Director, Florida Association for Career and Technical Education said, “I would like to thank Governor Scott for his work on today’s historic announcement of per pupil funding. We look forward to our continued work together to ensure that all Florida students can get a great education that prepares them for higher education and for a rewarding career in the 21st century.”

Rick Shirley, Chair, Small School District Council Consortium, Superintendent, Sumter County School District said, “Florida’s small school districts applaud Governor Scott for his commitment to seek historic funding levels for Florida’s K-12 Public Schools. It is important that each student is provided the resources needed to succeed in the classroom. Today’s announcement by Governor Rick Scott is a big step in that direction. I would like to thank the Governor for recommending to get us to an historic level \$7,176 in per pupil funding. The Small School District Council Consortium is eager to work with the Governor and the members of the legislature to meet the needs of students throughout Florida.”

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From: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
To: [Dickerson, Currie](#); [Wyland, Kerri](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: alert
Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:33:50 AM



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From the staff of the Tampa Bay Times

Scott to propose bump in charter-school spending



[Kathleen McGrody, Times/Herald Tallahassee Bureau](#)

Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:05am

Gov. **Rick Scott** wants to give charter schools \$100 million for construction and maintenance.

He will make the announcement Thursday while visiting Sports Leadership and Management Academy charter school in Miami. The school is run by the for-profit management company Academica, and counts the rapper **Pitbull** among its founders.

The current state budget includes \$75 million for charter-school construction.

Charter schools receive public funding, but are run by private governing boards.

Earlier in the week, Scott said he would like to see lawmakers [increase the statewide K-12 education budget](#) from \$18.9 billion to \$19.74 billion. His recommendation includes \$7,716 per student, a record high not accounting for inflation.

He is expected to release the rest of his budget proposal later this month.

[Last modified: Thursday, January 15, 2015 11:05am]

From: [Schutz, Jackie](#)
To: [Schenone, Lauren](#); [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Cc: [Sunburst](#)
Subject: FW: Tampa Tribune: Gas tax hike: Let's abolish it instead
Date: Friday, January 16, 2015 8:27:50 AM

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From: News Alerts
Sent: Friday, January 16, 2015 6:44 AM
Subject: Tampa Tribune: Gas tax hike: Let's abolish it instead

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Tampa Tribune
Editorial: Tom Jackson
January 16, 2015

That didn't take long. It's not even two full weeks since Congress came under Republican control, and already the faucets are flowing with fresh cynicism. Here midterm voters thought they were electing a conservative majority dedicated to — at least! — holding the line on spending and taxes, and among the earliest priorities expressed by its leadership is a boost in the federal fuel gouge.

Not that there aren't arguments favoring a hike: Fuel taxes have been stuck at 18.4 (gas) and 24.4 (diesel) for a generation, while construction costs have risen along with inflation; also, vehicles get better fuel economy, reducing tax revenue even as miles driven surge; and circumstances have conspired to drive pump prices to their lowest levels in five years.

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi says [it's an opportune time to raise fuel taxes](#), but the San Francisco Democrat always says that. She is flanked, however, by Sen. Bob Corker, a Tennessee Republican who claims a hike — specifically 12 cents over two years — [will keep this generation from robbing from the next](#). Really?

Closer inspection hints Corker is rent-seeking on behalf of [manufacturers in his state](#) — Nissan, Volkswagen and GM — specializing in fuel efficient vehicles, including electric cars. Higher pump prices would push consumers toward cars built by his constituents.



It is encouraging, then, to hear others, including federal lawmakers, declare the remedy to what ails Washington's fuel tax isn't raising it (by an alarming 65 percent); it's doing away with it altogether.

This not-new idea benefits now from a mood shift. Increasingly, Americans doubt that if we'll only send our money to Washington, experts will sort out its best, most efficient and most productive uses.

And even if we have some work to do to achieve critical skeptical mass on programs supported by income taxes — largely because [about half of us don't pay them](#) — the same cannot be said of gas taxes. With a handful of big-city exceptions, most healthy Americans older than the average high school sophomore get up close and personal with the federal gas tax once each week.

Whether we ponder Washington's pinch — \$3.68 on every 20-gallon fill-up, or about \$190 a year — is another matter. What's the big deal? Who doesn't want to keep the interstates in good repair?



The problem with the Federal Highway Trust Fund is mission creep. If our roads and bridges are crumbling for lack of money (they're not, says the Federal Highway Association), it's because 38 percent of your pothole dollars have been siphoned to serve local and scantily used mass-transit projects: commuter and light rail, trolley cars and so on.

Indeed, among the promises laid out by Greenlight Pinellas was the fat sacks of D.C. dollars that could have been leveraged by the local penny sales tax increase.

Cut out the ancillary projects and existing federal fuel taxes [would cover 98 percent of their original mission](#). That sort of shortfall could be accommodated by shifting construction priorities or — here's an idea — repealing the Davis-Bacon Act, which mandates union wages on federally contracted jobs.

“Repeal it,” writes [Heritage Foundation economist Stephen Moore](#), “and every time we build four bridges we could build a fifth one for free.” The situation Moore describes is precisely what would happen if states, unencumbered by Davis-Bacon, took charge of the roads and bridges within their borders.

Rep. David Jolly, the Indian Shores Republican, is open to revisions. His primary complaint is that Florida is among donor states to the HTF, getting back about 85 cents on the dollar. The Legislature could backfill its federal losses by raising the state tax 16 cents. Sunshine State motorists would still be 2 cents a gallon ahead — maybe a nickel or more, given Florida's right-to-work status — and local lawmakers would be in charge of assigning the money.

That's the sort of thinking voters had in mind when they rendered their November verdict. Let's get on with it.

From: [Schenone, Lauren](#)
To: [Bustamante, Jeri](#)
Subject: FW: Tampa Tribune: Gas tax hike: Let's abolish it instead
Date: Friday, January 16, 2015 8:30:27 AM

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Whether we ponder Washington's pinch — \$3.68 on every 20-gallon fill-up, or about \$190 a year — is another matter. What's the big deal? Who doesn't want to keep the interstates in good repair?



The problem with the Federal Highway Trust Fund is mission creep. If our roads and bridges are crumbling for lack of money (they're not, says the Federal Highway Association), it's because 38 percent of your pothole dollars have been siphoned to serve local and scantily used mass-transit projects: commuter and light rail, trolley cars and so on.

Indeed, among the promises laid out by Greenlight Pinellas was the fat sacks of D.C. dollars that could have been leveraged by the local penny sales tax increase.

Cut out the ancillary projects and existing federal fuel taxes [would cover 98 percent of their original mission](#). That sort of shortfall could be accommodated by shifting construction priorities or — here's an idea — repealing the Davis-Bacon Act, which mandates union wages on federally contracted jobs.

“Repeal it,” writes [Heritage Foundation economist Stephen Moore](#), “and every time we build four bridges we could build a fifth one for free.” The situation Moore describes is precisely what would happen if states, unencumbered by Davis-Bacon, took charge of the roads and bridges within their borders.

Rep. David Jolly, the Indian Shores Republican, is open to revisions. His primary complaint is that Florida is among donor states to the HTF, getting back about 85 cents on the dollar. The Legislature could backfill its federal losses by raising the state tax 16 cents. Sunshine State motorists would still be 2 cents a gallon ahead — maybe a nickel or more, given Florida's right-to-work status — and local lawmakers would be in charge of assigning the money.

That's the sort of thinking voters had in mind when they rendered their November

verdict. Let's get on with it.

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To: [Heather Slager \(Heather@excelined.org\)](mailto:Heather@excelined.org)
Cc: [Kim McDougal](mailto:Kim_McDougal); samantha.bierwiler@myfloridahouse.gov; allison@makingschoolwork.com
Subject: RE: Add to invite list
Date: Friday, January 16, 2015 1:12:07 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Subject: Invitation: Foundation for Florida's Future Education Summit
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 8:34:24 AM
Attachments: [FloridaEDSummit_Invite_GRS_011514.pdf](#)

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Subject: RE: Invitation: Foundation for Florida's Future Education Summit
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 12:38:58 PM

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To: [Scott Open Government](#)
Subject: Public Records Request
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 4:08:56 PM

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Records can be submitted electronically to brendan@prwatch.org, or mailed to:

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Thank you for your assistance.

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Cc: [Sams, Savannah](#); [Hazleton, Bonnie](#)
Subject: RE: Public Records Request
Date: Tuesday, January 20, 2015 5:04:00 PM

Good Evening Mr. Fischer,

The Governor's Office of Open Government has received your request for records, a copy of which is below. A search for responsive records has been initiated and someone from this office will be back in touch with you soon. If the search produces a volume of records which indicates that there will be a fee associated with your request, you will be provided with a fee estimate for your review. Thank you for contacting the Executive Office of the Governor.

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