Finance Council

November 2026 Update





Florida School Finance Council

- Serves as an advisory committee to the Commissioner of Education on school funding and business issues
- Membership – 3 year terms
  - 3 officers (2 year terms)
  - 5 small districts
  - 10 medium districts
  - 6 large districts
  - 8 ex-officio members (FLDOE, FADSS, FSFOA)
- Meet twice a year in person at FSFOA; meet monthly virtually

Florida School Finance Council

- We do have current openings on the Council.
- If you are interested, please reach out to an officer to submit your interest:
  - Corey Wheeler, Chair cowheeler@flvs.net
  - Heather Frederick, Vice-Chair
  - John Antonacci, Secretary
  - Sarah Graber, Past Chair

November 2026 Meeting

Agenda Topics

Topics of Discussion

- What's Keeping You Up at Night?
- 2027-2028 FDOE Legislative Budget Request
- General Revenue Fund Financial Outlook Statement
- Finance Council Whitepaper 2027 Priorities & Whitepaper

FY 2027 Council Priorities

- Priority 1 – Modernize the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)
- Priority 2 – Develop a Statewide Student Information and Accountability System
- Priority 3 – Ensure Sustainable and Predictable School Funding
- Priority 4 – Reduce Instructional Material Cost Pressures
- Priority 5 – Expand Access to High-Quality Early Learning

Topics of Discussion cont.

- Teacher Salary Increase Allocation and10-year Florida Experience Requirement
- Family Empowerment Scholarship
- Property Tax Ballot Initiatives
- Federal Grants
  - Ed-Flex Waiver
  - Delayed OMB Proposed Grant Rule Changes
- Academic Acceleration Supplement:
  - FDOE Guidance Regarding Instructional Personnel
- Food Service, Daycare and Athletics Payment System
- Food Service and Unpaid Student Meal Balances

Topics of Discussion cont.

- Audit Findings and Internal Control Issues
  - Recent Audit Findings, Emerging Risks, and Internal Control Practices Across Districts
- Cybersecurity Risks & Insurance Premiums
- AI & Automation in Finance
- Statewide Financial Condition Ratios
- FTE Collective Bargaining, and Fund Balance
  - Actual FTE Compared to Projections
  - FTE Recovery Strategies
  - Strategies for Addressing Budget Shortfalls

Institute of Florida School Finance

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Institute of Florida School Finance

- Training program for future CFO's
- Two-Year program; meet quarterly in person
  - FEFP, FTE, Staffing Allocations, Budget, TRIM
  - Accounting, Financial Reporting, Treasury, Investments
  - Capital Planning, Debt Financing
  - Federal Programs, Procurement
  - Legislative Session, Bargaining, Executive Sessions
  - Health Insurance, Property Insurance, FEMA
  - Leadership, Supt/Board Relations, and Succession Management
- Cohort 4 continues through 2027

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