



COVID-19

UPDATES FOR SCHOOL BOARDS



April 29, 2020

Members,

During a 5 pm press conference, Governor DeSantis discussed his SAFE. SMART. STEP-BY-STEP Plan to reopen Florida, beginning May 4, with some counties excluded (for now). Watch the presser [here](#).

When the plan becomes available, [it should be found here](#) and [here](#). At the time of this writing, it has not yet been posted. NOTE: **Florida Phase 1 calls for school to remain on distance learning, social groups remain at 10 or fewer, and facemasks and social distancing should continue.**

The "[Supporting State and Local Leaders Act](#)" was introduced in Congress yesterday.

This bipartisan legislation, titled the "The Supporting State and Local Leaders Act," would make states and local governments eligible, retroactively, for the emergency paid leave payroll tax credits that were authorized as part of the second emergency supplemental ("The Families First Coronavirus Response Act"), and would help alleviate the fiscal burden affecting state and local budgets impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

If you have not done so, please contact your representatives (<https://www.house.gov/representatives>) and urge their co-sponsorship. The goal is to include this measure in upcoming emergency supplemental legislation.

Council of Great City Schools wrote a [letter to Congress](#) calling for additional stimulus funds for education.

Not COVID-related, but you will want to know

Florida TaxWatch released [Florida's Top Public Employers by County](#). No surprise! School districts are the largest employers in 49 counties.

FRIDAY Live this week

will focus on District Financial Planning: What should school board members be focused on during these very uncertain times? Florida School Finance Officer

Association guests include school finance offers Gretchen Saunders (Hillsborough), Sarah Graber (Osceola), and Corey Wheeler (Okeechobee).

Questions about school financial planning for FRIDAY Live this week? Send to gay@fsba.org by 5 p.m. Thursday.

How can we help you? What questions do you want us to discuss on future calls?:

What is working in your district? What isn't? What questions would you like to see addressed in our next Friday LIVE webinar? Let us know! messina@fsba.org

UPDATE and Q&A with FSBA (Every Friday 9 am EST until further notice):

All members should plan on joining us for FRIDAY LIVE again this Friday with Executive Officers and me.

FRIDAY LIVE call-in information (same number every week, feel free to save it)

Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

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Annual Summer Conference has been **CANCELLED**.

FSBA leadership has made the difficult decision to CANCEL the FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference scheduled for June. [Read the full announcement.](#)



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