

# FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF DISTRICT SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS



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## **FADSS Mission**

*The mission of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents is to assist and support superintendents in providing leadership to ensure that every student in Florida acquires the skills, knowledge and attitude to be contributing members of our democratic society through leadership development programs focused on student achievement, building relationships with business and governmental leaders, and communication and networking services.*

## **About FADSS**

The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) is the only statewide professional association exclusively dedicated to serving the unique needs of Florida's 67 school superintendents. FADSS is funded by membership dues, grants and association events.

Since superintendents have no peer in their own community, the Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) is vitally important to every school Superintendent in Florida. FADSS provides Superintendents with an opportunity to network with peers, address significant education matters, and develop solutions to critical issues.

FADSS represents the interests of public schools before Federal and State agencies, and lobbies for those interests in the State Legislature. FADSS also provides a multitude of support services to school superintendents, including:

- ◆ Promoting executive leadership development
- ◆ Influencing state and federal educational policy and legislation
- ◆ Conducting district organization and management reviews
- ◆ Providing professional and technical assistance
- ◆ Facilitating mentoring and collegial support

## **Press Contact**

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## **A Message From FADSS President:**

### **MALCOLM THOMAS, ESCAMBIA COUNTY SCHOOLS SUPERINTENDENT**

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Florida superintendents have a long and forceful history of supporting academic rigor, high standards, high expectations, and high levels of accountability; and have always been supportive of the highest degree of transparency.

In 66 out of 67 Florida counties, the school district is the largest single employer. In addition, in nearly every county, the school district operates the most extensive transportation system, feeds more people than any restaurant or restaurant chain, and each district is responsible for the most vital mission of local government: the care and education of every child.

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