



To: Florida District School Superintendents  
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The 2021 legislative session will begin in earnest next week with the first round of committee meetings. Right now, access to the meetings, staff, and legislators is restricted, so this session will not look like any other we have experienced, and we can probably expect a lot of procedural changes along the way.

We have seen new bills being filed at a slightly greater pace over the last week, but no multi-subject education bills have been filed yet. Many of the bills filed so far are repeats or similar to bills filed in previous years (e.g., school board member term limits, transportation and hazardous walking conditions, misconduct by education support professionals, etc.). In the upcoming weeks, I will keep you up to date on bills that may have a significant impact on district operations as they move forward through the committee process, as well as any other significant discussions on education- and budget-related topics.

The significant meetings for next week are:

- Senate Education 1/12: Scholarship and financial aid presentation
- [State Board of Education](#) 1/13 (Daytona Beach): Update on Civics initiatives, Safe Schools, Teacher Salary allocation status, progress monitoring initiatives; Adoption of evidence-based reading plan rule; Diane Kornegay speaking on behalf of FADSS
- House Appropriations 1/13: Budget Workshop
- Senate Education Appropriations 1/13: CARES Act funding and spending (5 superintendents testifying before committee)
- House Secondary Education and Career Development Subcommittee 1/13: identifying in-demand credentials that lead to high-demand, high-wage jobs
- Senate Appropriations 1/14: Long-range financial outlook and revenue forecast
- House Early Learning and Elementary Education Subcommittee 1/14: presentation on the science of reading and literacy-rich home environments

All of these meetings, including the State Board of Education meeting, should be available on [the Florida Channel](#).

FADSS will reassess everything after the Legislature completes its first week of committee meetings to see if there are any indications of changes to come in the legislative process, areas of particular concern the Legislature might have this year, and any indications of what to expect in the budget process. In the meantime, if there are any bills about which you would like to know more or if you are planning to speak with a local legislator, please feel free to contact me.