

The Florida Senate
COMMITTEE MEETING EXPANDED AGENDA

**APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE ON PRE-K - 12
EDUCATION**

**Senator Burgess, Chair
Senator Thompson, Vice Chair**

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, February 5, 2025
TIME: 1:15—2:45 p.m.
PLACE: *Mallory Horne Committee Room, 37 Senate Building*

MEMBERS: Senator Burgess, Chair; Senator Thompson, Vice Chair; Senators Bradley, Calatayud, Fine, Gaetz, Jones, Osgood, Simon, and Yarborough

TAB	BILL NO. and INTRODUCER	BILL DESCRIPTION and SENATE COMMITTEE ACTIONS	COMMITTEE ACTION
1	Program Review - District Support Programs Assistance to Low Performing Schools School District Education Foundation Matching Grants Regional Literacy Teams		Presented
2	Program Review - Regional Education Consortia		Presented
Other Related Meeting Documents			



Assistance to Low-Performing Schools

Dr. Paul O. Burns
Senior Chancellor



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Purpose and Overview



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Supports and Services

Year One Services (2023-24)

Palm Beach State College

Recipients:

- **School Districts**
 - Bay, Escambia, Gilchrist, Hernando, Highlands, Hillsborough, Levy, Marion, Suwannee, P.K. Yonge Developmental Research School (University of Florida Lab School)
- **Educational Consortiums**
 - Northeast Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC)
 - Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC)
 - Heartland Educational Consortium (HEC)

Services Provided:

- **Professional Learning Opportunities for Educators**
 - Sessions for teachers and other school personnel to offer and teach advanced courses
 - College preparatory activities for students
- **Parent and Student Education**
 - Success in advanced courses
 - College entrance exam preparation
 - Postsecondary application and enrollment



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Anticipated Outcomes

Year Two Anticipated Outcomes (2024-25)

- Development of a statewide model to assist in the provision of high-quality instruction and strategies to increase student academic achievement including enrollment and successful completion of rigorous high school course work.
- Collaboration among Florida colleges and universities to better serve school districts statewide.
- Support of the expansion of Florida Advanced Courses of Study through teacher professional learning, staff training of Regional Managers, and student and parent outreach workshops.
- Partnership with educational organizations and Florida's educational consortia to offer year-round support for teachers of advanced courses.

Year Two Anticipated Outcomes (2024-25) – continued

- Individual school site action plans designed by regional managers for participating schools.
- Layered support to teachers through instructional resources, frameworks, student practice and formative assessments in motivating and engaging new courses that prepare all students for advanced coursework.
- Reporting outcomes for nine additional assessments:
 - Florida’s Grade 10 English Language Arts (ELA) assessment
 - Algebra 1 End-of-Course (EOC)
 - American College Test (Pre-ACT and ACT)
 - Classic Learning Test (CLT-8, CLT-10, and CLT)
 - Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) exams
 - International Baccalaureate (IB) exams.



Regional Literacy Teams

Section 1008.365, Florida Statutes



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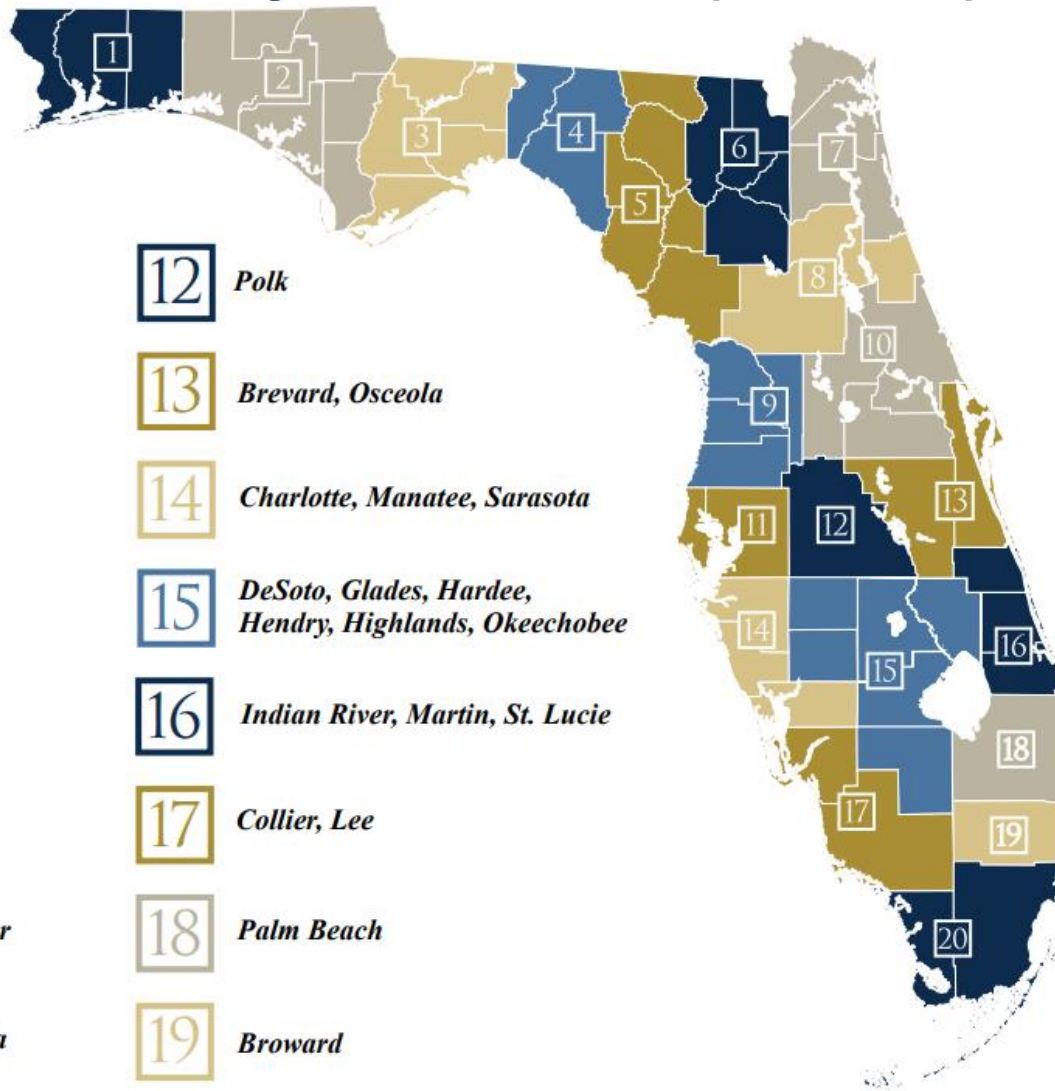


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State Regional Literacy Directors (SRLDs)

- 1** Escambia, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa
- 2** Bay, Calhoun, Gulf, Holmes, Jackson, Walton, Washington
- 3** Franklin, Gadsden, Leon, Liberty, Wakulla
- 4** Jefferson, Madison, Taylor
- 5** Dixie, Gilchrist, Hamilton, Lafayette, Levy, Suwannee
- 6** Alachua, Baker, Bradford, Columbia, Union
- 7** Clay, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns
- 8** Flagler, Marion, Putnam
- 9** Citrus, Hernando, Pasco, Sumter
- 10** Lake, Orange, Seminole, Volusia
- 11** Hillsborough, Pinellas



- 12** Polk
- 13** Brevard, Osceola
- 14** Charlotte, Manatee, Sarasota
- 15** DeSoto, Glades, Hardee, Hendry, Highlands, Okeechobee
- 16** Indian River, Martin, St. Lucie
- 17** Collier, Lee
- 18** Palm Beach
- 19** Broward
- 20** Miami-Dade, Monroe

RAISE REGIONS

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UNIVERSAL

Webinar Series, Book Studies, Article Studies, Office Hours

Regional Rallies and Literacy Institutes

B.E.S.T. Standards for English Language Arts (ELA) and Science of Reading Professional Learning

District Reading Plan Implementation, Reflection and Improvement Planning

Literacy Leadership Team Professional Learning

Literacy Coach Professional Learning

★ STATE/REGION/DISTRICT ★

TARGETED

B.E.S.T. ELA Standards and Science of Reading Professional Learning and Implementation Support

School Improvement Planning Support to Develop Literacy Goals

Literacy Leadership Team Professional Learning and Implementation Planning

Literacy Coach Professional Learning and Ongoing Support

Train-the-Trainer Opportunities for District and School Staff to Build Capacity

Differentiated Support Based on Data

★ DISTRICT/SCHOOL ★

INTENSIVE

School Level Literacy Leadership Team Support
(Professional Learning, Literacy Walks, Collaborative Planning, Model Classrooms)

School Improvement Plan Development and Implementation Support

Literacy Coach Professional Learning and Ongoing Support

Evidence-based Instructional Planning Aligned to B.E.S.T. ELA Standards and Science of Reading

Differentiated Ongoing Support Based on Data

★ SCHOOL ★

Program Success

Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) ELA/Reading Progress Monitoring (PM) in RAISE Intensive Schools

Grade	Measure	PM1 to PM3	PM3 to PM3
K-2	At/above 40 th percentile	+19 percentage points*	+1 percentage point*
3-5	At/Above Level 3	+23 percentage points*	+4 percentage points*
3	At/Above Level 3	+25 percentage points*	+6 percentage points*

**on average*



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Outcomes and Results

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2024 Summer Literacy Institute (SLI)

- **Participants:** 912
- **Target Audience:**
 - Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK)-Grade 5 teachers;
 - Literacy coaches and school administrators at RAISE Intensive schools;
 - District literacy leaders

2024 Regional Literacy Institutes (RLIs)

- **Participants:** 685
- **Target Audience:**
 - Grades 6-12 ELA/Reading teachers;
 - Literacy coaches and school administrators;
 - District literacy leaders

Outcomes & Results

Science of Reading Course	Literacy Coach Endorsement
1,407 completers	637 completers
4,411 current participants	95 current participants

RAISE Universal Webinars:

- The Science of Reading in Action in the B.E.S.T. ELA Classroom
- Accelerating Student Growth Through Data-Based Problem Solving for Tier 1 Instruction
- Using Small Groups to Accelerate Learning



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FLORIDA'S REGIONAL CONSORTIA



PRESENTATION OVERVIEW

- Who We Are / Purpose
- Realities For Small and Rural Districts
- What We Do...Core Services and Functions
- How We Assess Impact... Achievement, Engagement, Participation, & Return on Investment
- The Value of Regional Consortia: Superintendents' Perspectives

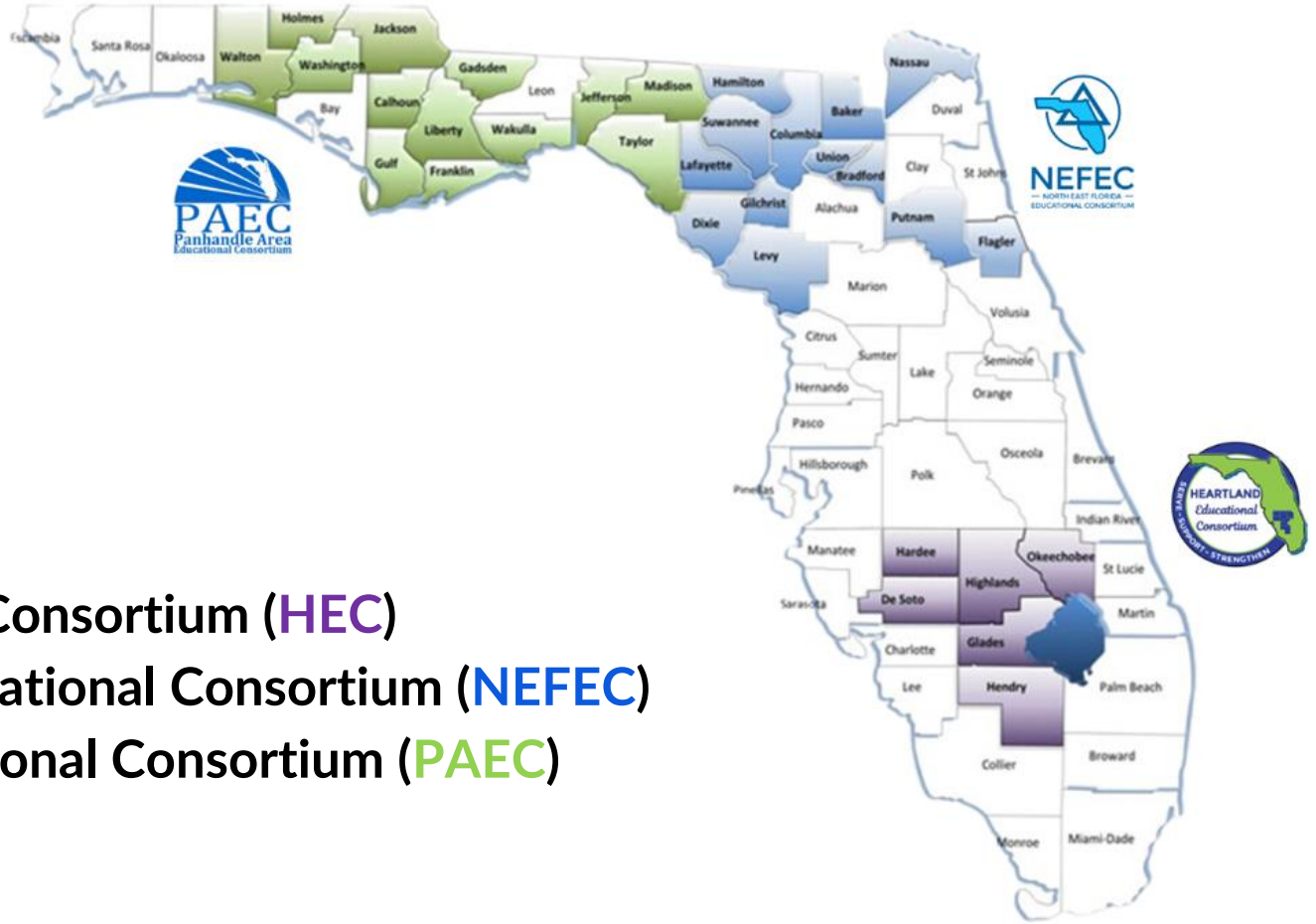


WHO WE ARE & OUR PURPOSE



FLORIDA'S REGIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONSORTIA

Heartland Educational Consortium (HEC)
North East Florida Educational Consortium (NEFEC)
Panhandle Area Educational Consortium (PAEC)



CREATED TO INCREASE EFFICIENCY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SMALL, RURAL DISTRICTS

- Established nearly 60 years ago by rural school districts to save money, increase student achievement, and improve organizational efficiency via economies of scale and collaboration.
- Governed by a Board of Directors made up of the Superintendents of the member districts.
- Florida's Regional Consortia members include 36 school districts, 430 schools, 12,000 teachers, and 160,000 students.
- Regional Consortia are officially recognized in Florida State Statute, F.S. 1001.451 (eligible for membership < 20,000 FTE).



GOVERNING STRUCTURE

- Member Districts
- Host District Serves as Fiscal Agent and Board Chair
- Monthly Board of Director Meetings
 - Drive decision-making and program services
 - Approval of Budgets and Personnel
 - Cooperative Purchasing Opportunities
 - Identification and approval of grants
 - Strategic Planning
 - Accountability and Sustainability
- Collaborative Support and Mentoring
- Mutual Aid/Crisis Support Management



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REALITIES FOR SMALL & RURAL DISTRICTS



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- Strong Sense of Community and Belonging
- Enduring Relationships between Consortia and District Staff
- Home-Grown Staff Committed to Student Success
- Potential for Economic Growth and Development
- High Percentage of Alternatively Certified Teachers
- Potential to Grow CTE Pathways
- Same State Requirements with Fewer Personnel



REALITIES FOR SMALL & RURAL DISTRICTS

- District Staff Composition- Individuals vs. Departments
- Stand Alone Content Area Teachers (1 Chemistry)
- Sustainability of Key District Personnel (Finance, HR, Safety, IT)
- Most Consortia Districts Meet the Definition of Fiscally Constrained
- Consortia Districts Occupy Ranks 36-67 in the “2023 School District Taxable Values and Values of 1.5 Mill Levy”



WHAT WE DO...

CORE SERVICES & FUNCTIONS



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Partner Organizations

Better Together

- FLDOE
- Rural Economic Development
- FSBA
- ISRD
- FDLRS
- FASA
- FADSS
- FASSS
- FASS
- Just Read, Florida
- Early Learning
- AESA
- NREA



FLDOE Collaboration

Support for Initiatives

- B.E.S.T. Standards
- Instructional Materials Review and Collaboration
- State Regional Literacy Directors
- Progress Monitoring Program
- Resiliency Initiative
- Community of Leaders Academy
- Instructional Leadership Team Institutes
- High Impact/LEAD Teachers
- Title IX: McKinney-Vento
- Title IV-A



District Supports

Building Capacity

- District Superintendents
- Curriculum Directors
- District and School Leaders
- ESE Directors
- Human Resources
- Safety Specialists
- IT Directors
- MIS Directors
- Building Code Inspectors
- Assessment & Accountability
- Instructional Coaches
- Mentors
- New Teachers
- Federal Programs
- Career & Tech Network
- Finance Officers/Staff



Professional Learning

Growing Educators

- Civics and Debate
- Digital Teaching and Learning sessions
- Leadership Development
- Annual Leadership Conference
- Science
- Career and Technical Education
- Train the Trainer
- Rural Connect Literacy Initiative
- Writing
- Mathematics
- Clinical Education
- World Languages
- ESOL/Gifted/Reading Endorsements

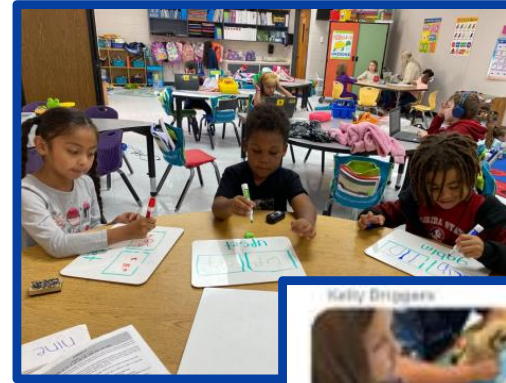
DISTRICT SUPPORTS - INSTRUCTIONAL

- Professional Learning (all subject areas)
- Career and Technical / Workforce Education
- STEM Initiatives
- New Teachers / Alternative Certification Program
- Communities of Practice
- Exceptional Student Education Services
- Recruitment and Retention
- Leadership Development Programs
- MyDistrict Virtual Schools
- Grant Development and Implementation
- Florida Department of Education Partnerships
- Regional Summer Leadership Conferences



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING

- Regional and District Professional Learning
- Content-area Specialist Support
- B.E.S.T. Standards Implementation
- Progress Monitoring Assessment System
- Resiliency Standards
- Instructional Coaching
- Instructional Materials Adoption
- Certifications & Endorsements (Reading, ESOL, Gifted)
- Data Visualizations for Instructional Planning



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

- Board of Directors Leadership Development Program
- Learning Walks
- Educational Leaders Network
- Aspiring Leaders Program
- Regional Principal Leadership Academy (principal certification)
- School Leaders Network
- School Safety and Resiliency Specialist Network



Learning Walk

Welcome / Introductions

Share a Best Practice
Suwannee Pineview Elementary

Learning Target / Theory of Action
Ronda Parrish, NEFEC

Pre-Observation Work
Introduction of the P.O.P.
Suwannee Pineview Elementary
NEFEC to Facilitate

- What do we know/expect?
- What PL (expectations) has taken place?
- What question are we trying to answer?

Protocol for Classroom Visits

Depart for schools to complete observations
Suwannee County to assign observation groups

Debrief
What evidence did we collect? What is the answer to the question?

Action Planning
Play "What would you do if you were the principal of this school?"

Date: 11/03/2022
Time: 8:30am-2pm
Location: Suwannee Co. Schools
Host District: Suwannee County Schools
Attendees: Levy

Notes

SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - CTE & WORKFORCE

- CTE Network- Ignite
- Space Florida
- Embry Riddle
- Career Fairs
- Rural Economic Development Agencies

SKILLSIGNITE
DYNAMIC STRATEGIES
FOR CTE TEACHERS

- 1 INNOVATIVE TEACHING TECHNIQUES
- 2 PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS DISTRICTS
- 3 EFFECTIVE PRACTICES
- 4 CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT
- 5 ENGAGEMENT STRATEGIES

THE OPPORTUNITY

Join us for an enriching professional learning series dedicated to Career and Technical Education Teachers; featuring sessions on classroom management, engagement, brain-based strategies, and high-leverage practices (HLPs). We will focus on innovative teaching techniques, strategic lesson planning, and forming valuable partnerships across districts. We will also coordinate Ed Camp-style collaborations, and effective data tracking methods to enhance student outcomes. This event promises practical strategies, collaborative networking, and hands-on learning to elevate your CTE teaching.

PL DATES:
10/03/2024
01/30/2025
03/12/2025



DISTRICT SUPPORTS - OPERATIONAL

- Risk Management (property/casualty, workers comp, inspections, etc.)
- Self-Insured Group Health Insurance
- Data Processing Services (Student Data and ERP support/hosting)
- IT and Cybersecurity Support & Training
- Board Policy Development
- Data Visualizations (Financial Reporting)
- Finance Department Support
- Non-instructional staff professional learning
- School Safety and Resiliency Specialists Networks
- Economic Development Engagement
- Building Code Management
- Statewide Cooperative Purchasing (approved alternative to DMS contracts)
- Human Resources Networks



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - RISK MANAGEMENT

- Property / Casualty
- Workers Comp
- Advisory Board
- Risk Mitigation Training
 - Transportation
 - Custodial
 - Food Service
 - Teachers
 - Leaders



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

- Approved alternative to DMS contracts
- Partnership with AEPA
- No cost to districts
- Work directly with districts
- Tri-Consortia partnership



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - ON-SITE SUPPORTS

- Role Specific Technical Assistance
- Interviewing Structures
- School Walkthroughs
- Personnel Induction
- Board Policy Development
- IT Side-by-Side Training
- Grant Writing, Program Development, and Implementation
- Classroom Coaching and Modeling
- Leadership Mentoring



SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

Targeted Areas of District & School Staff

- Quarterly meetings
- Best practice sharing
- Expert speakers
- Policy Implementation
- Collaborative
Problem-solving



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SERVICES SPOTLIGHT - ADVISORY BOARDS

Programmatic Guidance and Decision Making

- Risk Managers
- Instructional Directors
- Exceptional Education Directors
- Chief Financial Officers
- Personnel Directors
- Information Technology Directors
- MIS Directors (student data)



GRANTS & DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIPS

Federal Grants

- PAEC USDOE Mental Health Service Professional Demonstration Grant (2024-2029)
- PAEC USDOE Literacy Grant (2018-2021)
- NEFEC USDOE EIR Rural Connect (2019-2025)

Foundation Grants

- Dollar General
- Clay Electric
- Duke Energy
- Florida Power and Light

Private Grants

- Dell

State Partnerships

- FLDOE Progress Monitoring
- FLDOE Resiliency Hubs
- New Worlds Reading (UF)
- Title IV, Part A
- Title IX McKinney-Vento
- Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS)
- Institute for Small and Rural Districts (ISRD)
- Florida Partnership for Minority and Underrepresented Students

HOW WE ASSESS IMPACT... ACHIEVEMENT, ENGAGEMENT, & RETURN ON INVESTMENT



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CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

- Identify areas of high performance and facilitate opportunities for district sharing of best practices
- Identification of Areas for Improvement
 - Cognia External Review
 - Generates Targeted Technical Assistance (Instructional and Business)
- Attention to broad areas of need
 - New Teacher Support
 - Leadership Development
- Collaboration around areas of performance
- Ongoing Progress Reporting with Superintendents
- Implementation and Evaluation of Services



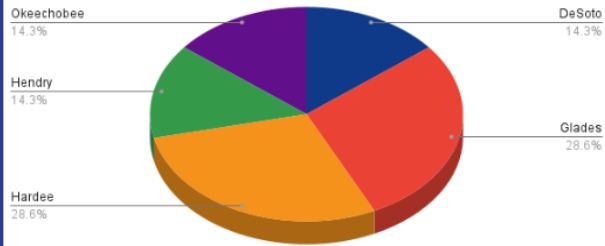
CATEGORY	SERVICE	DETAILS
Instructional Support	Professional Learning	55,000+ in-service hours, annually, 4,000+ participants
Instructional Support	Virtual Instruction	3,200+ course completions
Instructional Support	Specialized Support	1,000+ instructional models, 9,500 participants
Instructional Support	Summer Leadership Conference	350+ school leaders attending annually
Business Services	Partnerships	Embry Riddle (187 participants), FLDOE Partnerships
Business Services	Florida Buy	\$9 million annual savings
Business Services	Gateway Finance	ERP software for 12 districts
Business Services	Student Data Services	FOCUS support for 20 districts
Risk Management	Property & Casualty Insurance	Support for 10 districts post-Hurricane Michael
Risk Management	Group Health Insurance	Self-insured plans for 4 districts



PARTICIPATION & RETURN ON INVESTMENT

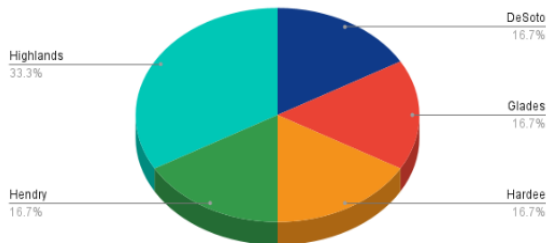
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Participation by Member District



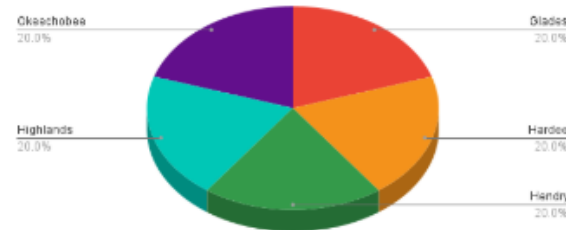
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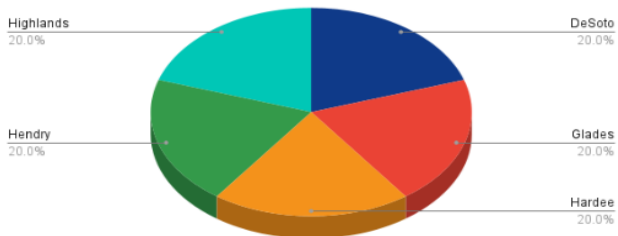
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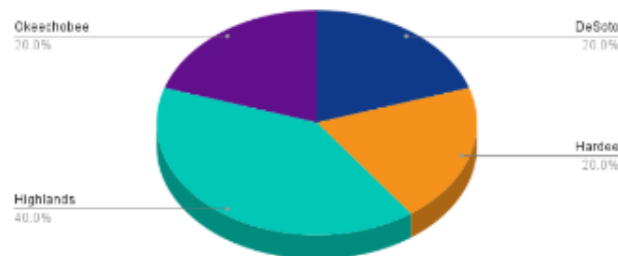
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Participation by Member District



Principals

Participation by Member District



ENGAGEMENT IN ROLE-ALIKE GROUPS

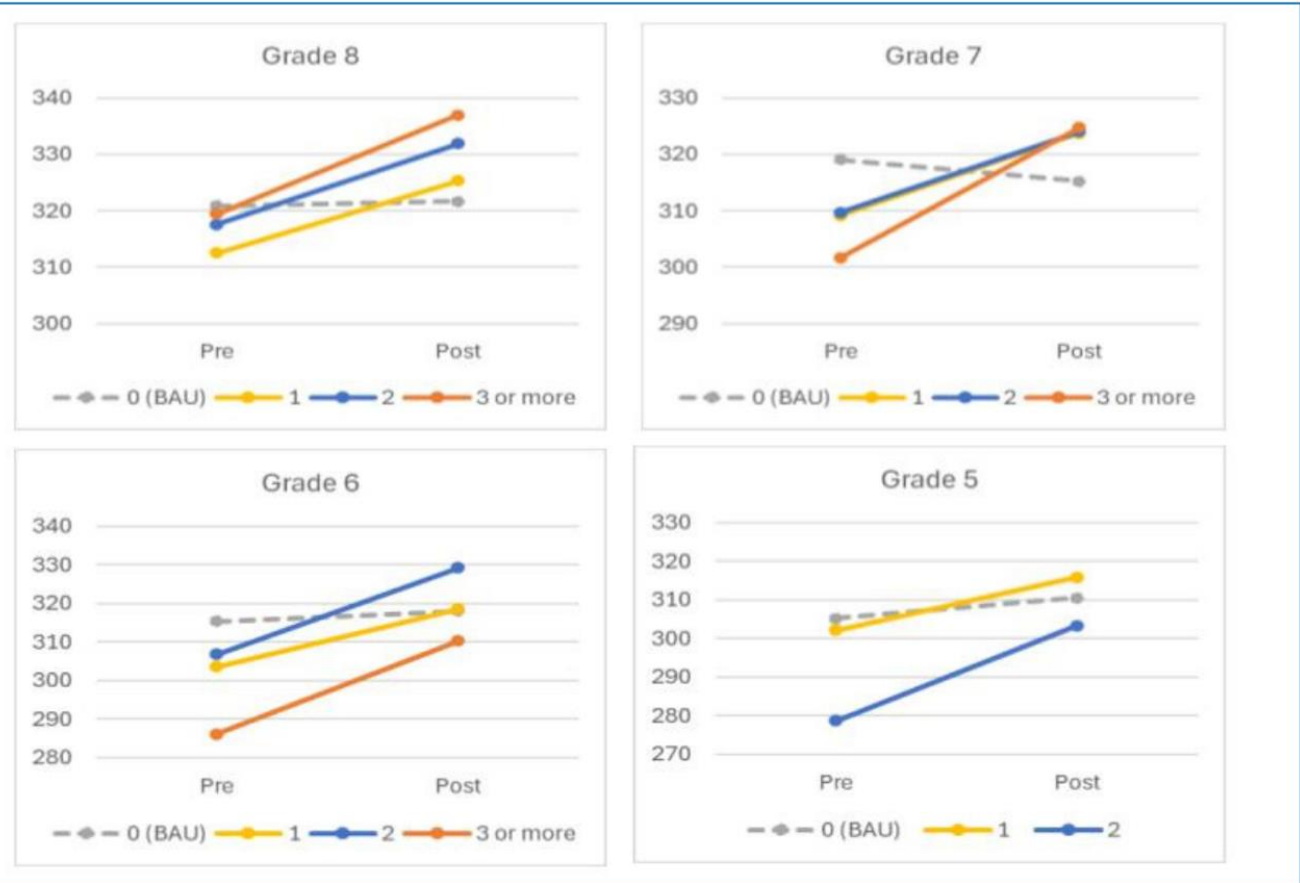
ACHIEVEMENT

Teacher & Student Outcomes

ELA SCALE SCORE INCREASES BY NUMBER OF TREATMENT TEACHERS

Gray = Control | Yellow = Student had one teacher in RC

Blue = Student had two teachers in RC | Orange = Student had 3+ teachers



Education Innovation

Research Literacy

Institute 23-24

248 teachers

8 school districts

6300 Students

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK & SURVEYS

"I loved going to another district and seeing a school that is set up so different than what I am used to seeing. I also loved getting to speak with my cohort mates and learn from their life experiences."

" This professional learning gave us opportunities to experience first hand the instructional routines that we could use with our students."

" I love the way the trainers push on our thinking and give us the opportunity to work together and reflect."

"Thank you for always being available for questions and support when we need it."



OPPORTUNITIES FOR GREATER IMPACT

- **Content Area Specialists:** Provide additional high-quality professional learning/coaching in Science and Civics
- **College and Career Readiness:** Assist districts in supporting students to prepare for higher education and the workforce through academic preparation, career exploration, planning, and skill development
- **School Safety:** Support School Safety Specialists with training and resources on cybersecurity, threat management, and legal updates
- **School Finance:** Offer training and support for school business operations



THE VALUE OF REGIONAL CONSORTIA: SUPERINTENDENTS' PERSPECTIVES



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K-12 Ed Appropriations

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Started: 2/5/2025 1:17:00 PM
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1:17:08 PM Sen. Burgess (Chair)
1:17:56 PM TAB 1 - Program Review - District Support Programs
1:18:54 PM Dr. Paul Burns, Senior Chancellor, Florida Department of Education
1:42:01 PM Sen. Burgess
1:42:17 PM P. Burns
1:42:55 PM Sen. Jones
1:43:32 PM P. Burns
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1:54:19 PM Sen. Osgood
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1:58:25 PM Sen. Burgess
1:58:46 PM P. Burns
1:58:50 PM Sen. Burgess
1:59:02 PM Suzanne Pridgeon, Deputy Commissioner, Florida Department of Education
2:01:14 PM Sen. Burgess
2:01:21 PM TAB 2 - Program Review - Regional Education Consortia
2:02:45 PM John Selover, Executive Director, Panhandle Area Educational Consortium
2:09:51 PM Dr. Patrick Wnek, Executive Director, Northeast Florida Educational Consortium
2:14:53 PM Donna Garcia, Executive Director, Heartland Educational Consortium
2:18:13 PM Sen. Burgess
2:18:52 PM Robby Edwards, Lafayette County Superintendent
2:24:11 PM Sen. Burgess
2:24:24 PM Buddy Brown, Holmes County Superintendent
2:27:36 PM Sen. Burgess
2:27:41 PM Darryl Taylor, Jr., Calhoun County Superintendent
2:32:14 PM Sen. Burgess
2:32:53 PM Mike Replinger, Union County Superintendent
2:36:51 PM Sen. Burgess
2:37:12 PM Dr. Bobby Bennett, DeSoto County Superintendent
2:41:12 PM Sen. Burgess
2:41:40 PM Mike Swindle, Hendry County Superintendent
2:43:11 PM Sen. Burgess
2:43:16 PM Sen. Gaetz
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2:48:43 PM Sen. Bradley
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January 28, 2025

The Honorable Danny Burgess
Chairman of Appropriations Committee on PreK-12 Education
201 The Capitol
404 South Monroe Street
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Dear Chairman Burgess,

I respectfully request an excused absence from the Appropriations Committee on PreK-12 Education meeting on February 5th, 2025.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request.

cc:
Staff Director Tim Elwell
Administrative Assistant Amanda Fountain

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Randy A. Fine".

Randy Fine
State Senator, District 19

Governmental Oversight and Accountability, Chair
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SENATOR COREY SIMON

3rd District

February 5, 2025

The Honorable Danny Burgess

Chair, Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education

411 Senate Office Building

404 South Monroe Street

Tallahassee, FL 32399-1100

Dear Chair Burgess,

Senator Simon respectfully requests an excused absence from the February 5, 2025, meeting of the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K – 12 Education.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

Stephen Huddleston

Legislative Aide to Senator Corey Simon

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**SENATOR GERALDINE F. "GERI"
THOMPSON**
15th District

January 15, 2025

The Honorable Chair Burgess
Chairman
404 South Monroe Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Dear Chair Burgess,

I am writing to formally request a leave of absence due to a medical condition from the Appropriations Committee on Pre-K-12 Education during the interim committee meetings scheduled from January 13 through February 21, 2025. While I regret being unable to actively participate in Senate proceedings during this period, this temporary leave is essential to enable me to return to my duties fully restored.

I greatly appreciate your understanding and support during this time. If additional documentation or details are needed, please let me know.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Geraldine F. Thompson".

Senator Geraldine F. Thompson
FL Senate District 15

Cc: Tim Elwell, Staff Director
Amanda Fountain, Committee Administrative Assistant
Maggie Gerson, Staff Director

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