



Dear Residents of District 32,

Week Six of the legislative session is now underway, and the pace here in Tallahassee continues to accelerate. Committees are beginning to wrap up their work as many bills complete their final stops, and sittings in the Senate Chamber to pass legislation are picking up. The focus is shifting from committee debate to floor action, where critical decisions are made that will directly impact our communities.

This week has been filled with important discussions, final committee votes, and preparation for extended time on the Senate floor. As legislation advances, I remain focused on ensuring that the priorities of District 32 are represented in every conversation and every vote.

With session entering this pivotal stage, I continue to fight for all Floridians—working to expand opportunity, protect our families, strengthen our neighborhoods, and ensure that our state government reflects the needs of the people it serves. Every bill we consider carries real consequences, and I approach this responsibility with the seriousness and dedication it deserves.

Though the days are long and the schedule grows more demanding, I remain energized by the opportunity to serve you. Your input, advocacy, and engagement are essential as we move through these final committee weeks and into full Senate deliberations.

Please continue to reach out with your thoughts and concerns. It is truly an honor to represent District 32, and I am grateful for the trust you place in me.



During Week Six of the legislative session, we heard **SB 824 – Inventory of Unimproved Real Property Owned by School Districts** on the Senate Floor in the Senate Chamber. After careful consideration, I voted no.

SB 824 requires every school district in Florida to submit an annual inventory to the Department of Education detailing all “unimproved” real property it owns—land without buildings or permanent structures. Districts must report parcel numbers, acreage, location, date of purchase, purchase price, current or planned use, and fair market value. The Department would then compile this information into a statewide report that includes total acreage and value, district-by-district breakdowns, and recommendations related to land use and long-range facilities planning.

While transparency is important, I have concerns about the broader implications of this legislation. The people in their communities elect our local school boards to manage district property and plan for future growth. They understand local enrollment trends, development patterns, and long-term facility needs. SB 824 shifts influence away from local communities and toward the state. Today it is a reporting requirement. In the future, it could lead to pressure on districts to sell or repurpose land in line with statewide priorities rather than local needs.

I support accountability and responsible stewardship of taxpayer assets. But I also believe strongly in local control. Decisions about school district property should remain with locally elected school boards who are directly accountable to their communities.



This week in the Senate, Senator Jones and I had the distinct honor of recognizing and congratulating the Tamarac Fire Rescue EMS Team for an extraordinary achievement.

The team recently won the Florida Cup, the highest statewide honor in EMS competition. This prestigious award represents excellence in emergency medical services and recognizes superior clinical skill, teamwork, and the ability to perform under pressure in life-saving scenarios.

Even more impressive, the Tamarac Fire Rescue EMS Team has now won the Florida Cup three years in a row — in 2023, 2024, and 2025 — making them the first team in Florida history to earn three consecutive statewide titles.

We are incredibly proud of their hard work and historic accomplishment.

Congratulations to the Tamarac Fire Rescue EMS Team on this remarkable achievement and for making Florida history!





During the Legislative Session, the Florida Capitol becomes a vibrant gathering place for organizations, community groups, and individuals from across the state who come to advocate for issues that matter most to them and to share their unique perspectives. I am always grateful for the opportunity to welcome these visitors, listen to their concerns, and engage in meaningful conversations about how we can work together to create positive change.

These visits are a powerful reminder of the diverse voices that help shape our state and the importance of remaining closely connected to the communities we serve. I look forward to continuing these conversations and welcoming even more visitors to the Capitol in the weeks ahead.

