



## Good Morning!

As we prepare for the Fourth of July festivities, we should reflect for a moment and give thanks for the remarkable work of our founding fathers and the continued sacrifices of the men and women that serve our great country. If not for them, we would not be here today celebrating our independence with our families and friends. May America always flourish and celebrate many more years of independence. I hope you have a happy and safe 4th of July holiday!

In recognition of this National Holiday my District Offices will be closed on Friday, July 3rd.

I consider it a great honor to represent District 17. Please share [this link](#) with your friends and family so that they too can sign up for the [Mayfield Minute](#). If you or someone you know needs my assistance, please don't hesitate to contact my office. My staff and I are here to serve you!

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## From the Desk of Governor Ron DeSantis

Governor Ron DeSantis recently signed [House Bill \(HB\) 641: Funds for the Operation of Schools](#), and announced the approval of \$500 million for teacher salary increases in the state's budget. I am proud that this year the Florida Legislature invested \$400 million to raise the minimum base pay for full-time classroom teachers, and \$100 million to raise the salaries of Florida's veteran teachers and other instructional personnel. This historic increase puts Florida among the best states in the nation for minimum teacher pay, a bold step in alleviating the teacher shortage and elevating the teaching profession to the level of appreciation it deserves.

Additionally, he signed [HB 7067: K-12 Scholarship Programs](#) which provides more education opportunities for children from low income families to get a great education. This legislation expands the Family Empowerment Scholarship by increasing the authorized annual growth of participating students and ensures the educational continuity of students in the program.

The following bills have also been signed into law:

[Senate Bill \(SB\) 1742: Home Medical Equipment Providers](#) exempts licensed physicians and chiropractic physicians who sell or rent electrostimulation medical equipment supplies to their patients, from the requirement of an additional sales license. I am proud to have sponsored this common-sense legislation that supports our small businesses and eliminates unnecessary additional licensing requirements.

[SB 426: Economic Development](#) reduces the local match requirements for communities applying for the Regional Rural Development Grant and Rural Infrastructure Fund while maintaining the same amount of allocating funds to the Rural Revolving Loan Fund. This legislation also redesigns the board of directors, adds additional reporting requirements and sets a sunset provision for the Florida Development Finance Corporation. Every entity that the Legislature creates should be transparent and have a sunset provision in place to ensure accountability.

[SB 662: Education and the Military](#) provides greater flexibility to students of military families for a more seamless transition to new schools.

[HB 197: Servicemembers Civil Relief Act](#) amends child welfare statutes to protect the rights of a parent, custodian, or legal guardian who, because of his or her military service, must be absent from his or her child or from child-welfare-related court proceedings.

[SB 994: Guardianship](#) aims to prevent irresponsible and dishonest guardians from abusing Florida's senior citizens. This legislation provides additional factors for a court to consider when appointing guardians to ensure that a ward's personal and property interests are carefully protected. These additional safeguards were passed in response to a case in Orlando where a guardian signed DNR orders against the wishes of the wards and without the knowledge of the wards' families.

[SB 7012: Mental Health and Substance Abuse](#) requires the Statewide Office for Suicide Prevention act as a clearinghouse for collecting and sharing information related to suicide prevention, and enhances suicide prevention resources, education, and support for Florida's veterans and service members.

[HB 835: Alzheimer's Disease](#) creates the position of a Dementia Director within the Department of Elderly Affairs to combat Alzheimer's disease in Florida.

[SB 580: Uniform Partition of Heirs Property Act](#) allows the heirs of a property a chance to purchase the entire property before one party can partition and sell it. The bill requires a court to determine the fair market value of the property, either through court ordered appraisal or based on the agreement of the parties before the court proceeds to partition.

[HB 7011: Zachary Martin Act](#) protects high school athletes from suffering heat stroke by requiring the Florida High School Athletic Association to establish requirements for cooling zones, and access to automated external defibrillators. This legislation is named after Zachary Martin, a high school student that died during a football practice in Southwest Florida.

[HB 37: School Bus Safety](#) increases penalties for motorists who fail to stop for school buses, and doubles the penalty for motorists who pass stopped school buses on the side where children enter and exit the bus.

[HB 73: Environmental Regulation](#) aims to increase recycling to help meet the state's 75% recycling goal. This legislation also reduces the amount of contaminated recyclable materials.

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## District 17 Highlights

### Indian River Lagoon Living Shorelines

The Brevard Zoo's Restore Our Shores team recently completed its largest living shoreline built to date. The living shoreline was built across three different conservation properties along the Indian River Lagoon in Melbourne Beach that are managed by Brevard County's Environmentally Endangered Lands program. A total of 965 feet in length, the project incorporated approximately 17,000 live oysters in mesh bags and over 3,700 individual plants representing 15 species (including seagrass and native mangrove species).

A living shoreline refers to the use of oyster reefs, vegetation and other organic features to improve water quality, control erosion and reduce wave energy in the lagoon. These areas also provide habitat and nesting for many native species of birds, fish, crabs and shrimp.

For more information please visit [RestoreOurShores.org](http://RestoreOurShores.org).

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## Indian River County Issues Face Covering Requirement

The Indian River County Board of Commissioners have issued an Emergency Order requiring all persons working in restaurants, grocery stores, food service, retail establishments, businesses open to the public, or any other locations visited by the public where social distancing is not possible, within incorporated and unincorporated Indian River County to wear face coverings.

Florida's Surgeon General Scott Rivkees and the Department of Health also recently issued an updated statewide public health advisory which specifies that all individuals in Florida should wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, with limited exceptions.

The Surgeon General's public health advisory, in tandem with community-focused efforts to encourage the use of protective masks in public, reflects the seriousness with which we continue to take COVID-19. Sensible efforts to decrease the spread of this virus like wearing a mask in social settings should also continue to include other preventive measures such as social distancing and washing or sanitizing hands.

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## Orlando Melbourne International Airport Flights

Melbourne International Airport (MLB) has announced that both Delta Air Lines and American Airlines will be adding to their daily flight schedules beginning in early July. Delta Air Lines' daily schedule to Atlanta (ATL) will be increased from one daily flight to twice a day beginning July 2nd. American Airlines' daily schedule to Charlotte (CLT) will be increased from one daily flight to twice a day beginning July 6th, and then increasing again to three times a day on July 9th.

Over the last month, MLB officials have implemented a safety program throughout the terminal to protect the health of the traveling public. New initiatives include reconfiguration of queues, the spread of terminal seating, visual guides to encourage physical distancing, and enhanced cleaning procedures.

For more information and updates, please visit [FlyMLBsafely.com](https://www.flymlbsafely.com).

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