



THE PERRY POST

Senator Keith Perry
FL District 9

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District 9

Friends,

The 2023 Regular Session has adjourned, and I am proud to report that this has been one of the most productive sessions of my career. Funding for Florida's Education System totaled \$42.9 billion under my Chairmanship of the Appropriations Committee on Education, and It is an honor to have worked with my colleagues in transforming Florida's Education landscape for the better. Though I have one year remaining in my service to North Central Florida, I will keep fighting my hardest for your values in Tallahassee, as long as I have the honor of representing you in District 9. If you need assistance or have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to me directly.

Sincerely,

W. Keith Perry



The 2023 Regular Session Adjourns



It has been a robust year for the Senate, and we passed several significant pieces of legislation aiming to improve the lives of every citizen of this great state.

We look forward to finishing strong next year!





POST-SESSION UPDATE



SENATOR PERRY REQUESTS OVER \$140 MILLION IN LOCAL FUNDING FOR NORTH CENTRAL FLORIDA



\$113 MILLION



IN FUNDING FOR FLORIDA'S EDUCATION SYSTEM, INCLUDING EARLY LEARNING INITIATIVES FOR PREK-12

\$11.2 MILLION



FOR FLORIDA'S AGRICULTURAL RESILIENCY INITIATIVES AND PROTECTING OUR NATURAL RESOURCES



\$7.5 MILLION



FOR CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS AND NEW ROADWAY CONSTRUCTION



\$4.5 MILLION



FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, AT-RISK YOUTH INTERVENTION, AND CORRECTIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES



\$2.5 MILLION



FOR FLORIDA'S ELDER CARE & MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

LOCAL FUNDING PROJECTS

- Marion County Roadway improvements on NW 49th St. from NW 70th Ave (CR 225) to NW 44th Ave.
- City of Belleview - Belleview City Hall Historical Building Repairs
- Alachua County Celebration Pointe Trail Connection to Archer Braid
- Florida Humanities Council
- 3-Year SaaS-Based Hyperlocal Weather Radar Coverage for Emergency Operations Support
- Florida Alliance of Boys & Girls Clubs Workforce Readiness Programs
- University of Florida: School of Music Addition
- Santa Fe College Automotive Program Relocation & Expansion Property Acquisition and Facilities Renovation
- Marion Technical College - Mechanics Building with Classrooms and Bays
- University of Florida- Academic and Research
- SMA Healthcare - Central Receiving Facility Construction
- Co-Responder Program in Marion County
- Estella Byrd Whitman Wellness & Resource Center
- Community Paramedicine Medication Assisted Treatment Pilot Program - Gainesville Fire
- Retention Plan for DJJ Contracted Direct-Care Staff
- CINS/FINS Youth Shelter Replacement
- City of Belleview Information Technology Infrastructure
- AMIkids Family Centric Services
- Home Builders Institute (HBI) Building Careers for Inmates & Returning Citizens
- Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers, Inc.
- UF/IFAS Nutrient Application Research
- Cedar Key Aerial Truck Replacement
- City of Newberry Meat Processing and Training Facility
- UF/IFAS Center for Artificial Intelligence in Agriculture
- Purchase A Safe Way to Unstructured Play
- University of Florida College of Medicine National Excellence Initiatives
- Engineering Technology, Welding and HVAC/R Program Equipment
- Made For More
- Dream On Purpose
- Florida Music Education Association
- Florida School for Competitive Academics
- Early Childhood Music Ed Program





DISTRICT NEWS



SENATOR PERRY JOINS IN THE GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NEW CDS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES FACILITY



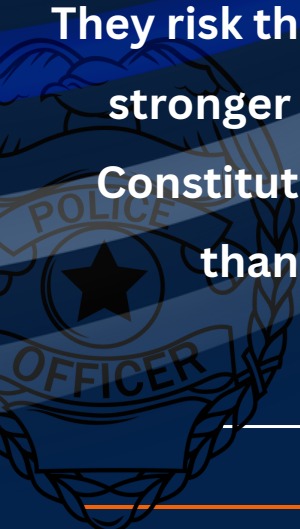
It was an honor to have participated in the groundbreaking of the new Alachua CINS/FINS Shelter for CDS Family & Behavioral Health Services. The construction of this facility was a priority for me this session, and I am proud to have secured over \$2 million in funding for this project.

This new facility will provide shelter for at-risk youth struggling with crisis, homelessness, domestic violence, and other issues. The program will also provide services such as mental health counseling, and school support to youth in crisis. To learn more about CDS Behavioral Health Services, please visit <https://www.cdsfl.org/>



My team attended the Levy County Law Enforcement Memorial service last week. I believe it's important to remember our fallen law enforcement and honor their families for the sacrifice they made in serving our communities.

They risk their lives everyday keeping our families safe and make us a stronger nation by protecting the foundational principles of the Constitution. I will always stand on the side of law & order and be thankful for the men and women that stand on the line.





STATE NEWS



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION

PRESS RELEASE
COMMUNICATIONS OFFICE

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Florida is Ranked as #1 State for Education by U.S. News & World Report

Last week, Commissioner Manny Diaz, Jr. celebrated Florida’s ranking as number one in education by U.S. News & World Report. Under Governor Ron DeSantis’ leadership, Florida continues to be the national leader in education. The ranking methodology uses a variety of metrics to measure the overall quality of each state’s education system from prekindergarten through higher education.

Since Governor DeSantis took office, Florida has prioritized education by providing teachers historic salary increases, ensuring students were able to return to in-person instruction following the COVID-19 pandemic, abolishing woke ideology from the classroom, eliminating Common Core and transitioning to a progress monitoring system for accountability.

[Get the full report here.](#)



“The Florida education model stands alone as a shining example for all other states to follow. Thank you to the leadership of Governor DeSantis and Florida’s outstanding teachers and students who made this recognition possible. While we are proud of this accomplishment, we will continue to multiply our efforts to solidify Florida’s reputation as the Education State”



STATE OF FLORIDA
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

RON DESANTIS, GOVERNOR



KEVIN GUTHRIE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Press release from Florida Division of Emergency Management

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Governor Ron DeSantis has proclaimed the first week of May as Florida Hurricane Preparedness Week in coordination with the National Weather Service Hurricane Preparedness Week. The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) urges all residents to take time now to make family and business emergency plans and stock disaster supply kits ahead of the 2023 Atlantic Hurricane Season.

On average there are fourteen named tropical storms each year in the Atlantic basin, seven of which strengthen into hurricanes with three becoming a Category 3 or higher. However, FDEM stresses the importance of not focusing on the projected number of storms for the 2023 season as it only takes one storm to produce long-lasting impacts.

National Preparedness Week and Florida Preparedness Week are observed every May to educate families and communities on the importance of disaster mitigation, preparedness, and response. More information on National Preparedness Month can be found [here](#).



“With less than one month until the start of the 2023 season, the time to prepare is now,” said FDEM Executive Director Kevin Guthrie. “After a very active 2022 season, and the devastating impacts from Hurricanes Ian and Nicole, I encourage all residents and visitors to know your area’s risks, determine if you live in a flood-prone area, and create a comprehensive family evacuation plan.”

