







2021 FOIL SPRING CONFERENCE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021				Orlando Lake Mary Marriott			
TIME	CONTENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION	TIME	CONTENT	PRESENTER	LOCATION
8:15am-9:45am	Pre-session: FATA 	Barrington Maxwell, President	Main Ball Room	8:45am-5:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS / EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
10:00am-10:15am	FOIL Welcome/Platinum Sponsor Recognition: Renaissance 	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	Main Ball Room	10:15am-12:00pm	Opening General Session Department of Education Updates	Lead by Chancellor Jacob Oliva, FDOE Team & Partners	
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH			1:00pm-2:00pm	Opening General Session (continued) Department of Education Updates	Lead by Chancellor Jacob Oliva & FDOE Team	
2:15pm-3:30pm	Breakout Session #1 * Journey Through the B.E.S.T. (English Language Arts) * Session Title: Required Instruction: Section 1003.42(2)(h), Florida Statutes, The History of African * Early Learning Update and What's Next? * Middle School Student Progression	Lead by the FDOE Team & Partners	Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H	3:45pm-5:00pm	Breakout Session #2 * Journey Through the B.E.S.T. (English Language Arts) * Turning Agony into Action – A father's journey to make schools safe after the Parkland shooting * Early Learning Update and What's Next? * Middle School Student Progression	Lead by the FDOE Team & Partners	Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H
5:30pm-7:00pm	RECEPTION (Grand Terrace)						

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7:00am-8:00am	BREAKFAST			7:00am-2:00pm	REGISTRATION OPENS / EXHIBIT HALL OPEN AREA		
8:00am-8:30am	FOIL Updates/Gold Sponsor Recognition: Curriculum Associates  i-Ready 	Dr. Gina Tovine, FOIL President	Main Ballroom	8:30am-10:00am	General Session Department of Education Updates	Lead by the FDOE Team	Main Ballroom
10:00am-10:30am	CHECK OUT HOTEL/BREAK			10:30am-11:45am	Breakout Session #3 * Exceptional Student Education Updates * Understanding Suicide Risk and Threat Assessments * Florida's Literacy Landscape and Mission to Improve Literacy Outcomes for All * Implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics	Lead by the FDOE Team	Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H
12:00pm-1:00pm	LUNCH			1:15pm-2:30pm	Breakout Session #4 * Exceptional Student Education Updates * Understanding Suicide Risk and Threat Assessments * Florida's Literacy Landscape and Mission to Improve Literacy Outcomes for All * Implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics	Lead by the FDOE Team	Salon A, B & C Salon D Salon E Salon F, G, & H

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[Breakout Sessions Details](#)

Session Title: Journey Through the B.E.S.T. (English Language Arts)

Presenters: Carey Sweet, Deputy Director, Just Read, Florida! and Cari Miller, Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement

Session Description: Join us on a journey through the new B.E.S.T. ELA Standards. In this session, we will explore the benchmarks, clarifications, and appendices. On the second leg of our journey, we will discuss and plan for successful implementation of the new B.E.S.T. Standards for ELA.

Session Title: Required Instruction: Section 1003.42(2)(h), Florida Statutes, The History of African

Presenter: Dr. Bernadette Kelley-Brown, Commissioner's African American History Task Force

Brief Session Description: The required instruction mandate (section 1003.42(2)(h), Florida Statutes) to teach African American history was passed in 1994, yet educators often struggle with instruction due to lack of knowledge or guidance on what and how to teach the subject matter. The Commissioner's African American History Task Force offers supports for educators and districts through their Exemplary Districts program and by providing resources, lesson plans, and professional development through workshops and a Summer Institute. Currently, 11 Florida school districts have received a designation of Exemplary from the Task Force. This session will focus on resources, strategies and opportunities for the educational enterprise in Florida, including the six criteria for an Exemplary District and how districts may fully engage in sharing the history and contributions of African Americans to the State of Florida and this nation.

Session Title: Early Learning Update and What's Next?

Presenters: Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, and Melinda Webster, VPK Program Manager, Office of Early Learning

Session Description: Join staff from FDOE's Office of Early Learning to discuss and learn more about the COVID-19 impact on VPK enrollment, Florida's support to early learning amid the pandemic, kindergarten screening results and trends, areas of instruction that need more focus, and opportunities for training.

Session Title: Middle School Student Progression

Presenters: Andrew Weatherill, Chief, Bureau of Student Support Services; Victoria Gaitanis, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education; and Damara Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant, Bureau of Student Support Services

Brief Session Description: This session will review elements of middle school progression and discuss strategies for working with overage students. Participants will obtain helpful resources and learn how districts are supporting this group of students.

Session Title: Implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics

Presenters: Dr. Kathy Nobles, Bureau Chief of Standards and Instructional Support, and PJ Duncan, STEAM Director

Session Description: After a year focused on the dissemination of information about the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics, the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support has entered the next phase of the journey, implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards. Participants of this session will learn how Implementation Science is driving the department's work to reach successful implementation in the 2022-23 school year. Participants will leave with a better understanding of what implementation should look like in their district as well as their role in this important work.

Session Title: Understanding Suicide Risk and Threat Assessments

Presenters: Brooks Rumenik, Deputy Director, Office of Safe Schools; Andrew Weatherill, Chief, Bureau of Student Support Services; and Jesus Aviles, School Psychology Consultant, Bureau of Student Support Services

Session Description: This session will cover the elements and purpose of a Suicide Risk Assessment and Threat Assessment. Participants will learn about prevention practices, obtain helpful resources, and learn what other districts are doing.

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Session Title: Turning Agony into Action – A father’s journey to make schools safe after the Parkland shooting

Presenter: Max Schachter, Safe Schools for Alex, Founder and Executive Director

Session Description: Max Schachter is a national school safety advocate. His 14-year-old son Alex was one of the 17 innocent victims murdered in the Parkland school shooting on Valentine’s Day 2018. Since the heartbreaking day that changed Max’s life forever, he has been fighting for policy change at the highest levels of the United States government. Max has also worked to make Florida’s schools safer. by serving as a commissioner on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission formed by former Governor Rick Scott. Through Safe Schools For Alex, the 501(c)(3) he created to honor Alex, Max provides the most current school safety leading practices to students, parents, school districts, and law enforcement so that all children can learn in a safe environment. During this presentation Max will demonstrate their latest initiative, the School Incident Report. This free, user-friendly tool is the first statewide dashboard aimed at reducing violence and suspensions while also creating a positive culture and climate.

Session Title: Exceptional Student Education Updates

Presenters: Victoria Gaitanis, Chief, and Dr. Erin Sampson, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education

Session Description: Topics of discussion will include 1% and the Alternate Assessment, legislative changes related to restraint and seclusion, and assessing the effectiveness of your ESE Programs using the 6 Key Practices.

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Session Title: Florida’s Literacy Landscape and Mission to Improve Literacy Outcomes for All

Presenters: Cari Miller, Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement, and Carey Sweet, Deputy Director, Just Read, Florida!

Session Description: Join FDOE literacy staff to discuss and learn about the essential actions that are taking place to improve literacy achievement statewide. This session will also include updates on any new literacy legislation.

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