



Florida School Finance Officers Association, Inc.

Dedicated to maintaining quality business management practices and securing uniform financial accounting and reporting to promote public interest in Florida public education.

Plan to stay through Friday for this conference!!!

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Dear Colleagues,

For those of you who usually leave Thursday night, I suggest you stay through Friday as we will have a report on how to safe-guard our schools from school shootings. The speaker will be a Captain of the Seminole Schools Sheriff's office who has worked closely with Seminole. It will be research based and will provide a benchmark against which we can measure the myriad proposals we are all receiving.

The conference will be an opportunity to learn from experts and build relationships with finance staff from other Districts. DOE will give us the inside scoop on how they plan to implement new legislation adopted in the most recent legislative session. Our sponsors will have on display the latest and greatest product and service offerings that could potentially save our respective Districts time and money. On Tuesday evening, there will be a reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres to welcome everyone. Thursday evening, will be an opportunity to relax with our families in a setting overlooking the St. Johns River with plenty of food (heavy hors d'oeuvres) and cocktails to take the edge off.

Our theme this year is "Full Steam Ahead" in recognition that our hotel, Hyatt Regency Jacksonville in downtown Jacksonville, is on the St. Johns River in where steam boats were berthed.

The Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront is ready to take your reservations. The rate for our conference is \$139 per night plus \$20 per day parking. Reservations must be made no later than May 21, 2018 to receive the group rate and can be made online using the following link <https://aws.passkey.com/go/FSFOA2018> or by phone at 1-904-588-1234. You should also look at the other rates such as government or AAA as they may be better. The hotel changes the rates daily so you may get a better rate that way.

Please go to the FSFOA website (<http://fsfoa.org/index.php>) and click the conference registration button and begin registering yourself and your guests. Remember to register early as a late registration fee of \$50 will automatically be added if you register after the deadline of May 21, 2018.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Jacksonville!!!

Bill Kelly