



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.

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Dear Colleagues,

I hope everyone is safe and did not suffer too much damage from Hurricane Irma. Our District is back to work, but I know many of you are still occupied with your recovery efforts. I hope those who have been affected are able to return to some form of normalcy in the near future. I am excited about our upcoming conference at the Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore. Our theme this year is "Treasure Hunt" in honor of Tampa's pirate pride and our hunt for school funding.

Your board of directors have been working hard to put together an excellent conference! Tuesday, our CPE day, will open with an accounting and audit update in the morning, followed by mini sessions with tracks in FTE forecasting, AFR and CAFR training and technology and cyber insurance. Wednesday, our official opening of the conference, will begin with a welcome by the Superintendent of Hillsborough County Schools followed by the DOE update with Linda Champion and her team and a legislative update from Joy Frank of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents. The afternoon will have mini sessions on debt and investments, onsite clinics and pharmacies, other insurances, FEFP, revenue forecasting, capital and personal financial planning. Thursday morning will start with emergency management lessons learned, an update from Finance Council, our business meeting and maximizing FEMA reimbursement. The afternoon will include sessions on HB 7069, alternative energy, E-payables, advertising revenues, facility leasing, internal accounts and a panel discussion on the cost report. Friday, we will finish up with an economic update, a presentation on conflict resolution, and the Auditor General update.

On Tuesday evening, we will have a reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres to welcome everyone. On Thursday evening, we will be having cocktails and heavy hors d'oeuvres at the hotel with live entertainment provided by Bill Gladwell, a mentalist (be careful what you're thinking!) In addition, we are working on a fun "Treasure Hunt" that we hope everyone will enjoy and of course, there is a great prize in the end!

The Holiday Inn Tampa Westshore is ready to take your reservations. The rate for our conference is \$109 per night. Reservations must be made no later than October 27, 2017 to receive the group rate and can be made online using the following link [Florida School Finance Officers](http://fsfoa.org/index.php) or by phone at 1-813-289-8200. Please use group code **FSF** to get the group rate.

Please go to the FSFOA website (<http://fsfoa.org/index.php>) and click the conference registration button and begin registering yourself and your guests. Registration fees for member attendees are \$200, nonmember is \$300, retiree is \$200 and guest fees are \$100 per adult and \$30 per child up to age 10 and a separate guest banquet ticket of \$50 for the November 2017 conference. In addition, we have added a daily rate of \$100 for those who wish to only attend part of the conference. Remember to register early as a late registration fee of \$50 will automatically be added if you register after the deadline of October 27, 2017.

I look forward to seeing everyone in Tampa!!!

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