



## *A Message from the President*

Florida School Finance Officers Association, Inc.

Play ball at the FSFOA June 2024 Conference! We're thrilled to welcome you back to sunny St. Petersburg for a week packed with learning, networking, and fun on June 17 – 20, 2024, at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. Get ready to swing for the fences as we embrace our theme of "Batting for Education."

Join us for the ultimate baseball conference experience from June 17 to 20, 2024, at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront. Score a great deal with room rates starting at just \$164 per night. Secure your spot in the lineup by booking your room using the following link before May 28, 2024. [FSFOA June 2024 Hotel Reservations](#)

Score a parking win with our options! Enjoy a 20% discount on valet parking, with one vehicle per room. If you prefer to handle parking yourself, convenient self-parking is available at nearby municipal garages. Remember, guests are responsible for self-parking fees, ranging from \$6 to \$20 per day.

Don't miss your chance to swing for the fences! Registration is now open, so grab your bat and join us for an unforgettable lineup of sessions. Members can register for the full conference at \$250 or opt for daily passes at \$150 per day for Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday. Secure your spot by completing your registration online—just click the blue Register Now button. Aim to register by May 28, 2024, to avoid any curveballs with additional fees.

On Monday, our lineup is ready to step up to the plate with some power hitters, featuring GASB Updates and Gov't Fraud, Waste & Abuse in the general sessions. In the afternoon, we'll split into breakout sessions covering Budget, Accounting, and Investments, aiming to hit it out of the park with valuable insights and strategies. And don't miss our grand slam Welcome Reception on Monday evening, where you'll enjoy drinks and hors d'oeuvres as we kick off the conference in style.

As we step up to the plate on Tuesday morning, get ready for some big hits in our general sessions. We're bringing updates from the FLDOE, covering Grants and ESSER, and a chance to meet our sponsors. Plus, a warm welcome to Mr. Kevin Hendrick, Superintendent of Pinellas County Schools, joining our lineup. In the afternoon, our sessions will cover crucial topics like Budget, Cost Report, Procurement, and Transportation, aiming to knock it out of the park with valuable discussions and insights.

As we round the bases on Wednesday, get ready for an exciting lineup in our general sessions. We'll start with the Legislative update, followed by our FSFOA business meeting, and finish strong with a special guest speaker. Then, get ready to hear from our sponsors as they take their turn at bat! In the afternoon, we'll cover important topics like Grants, Technology, and Fraud, aiming to hit it out of the park with valuable information and discussions.

Be sure to save some energy for our conference banquet on Wednesday evening, where we'll celebrate our successes and enjoy some friendly competition. We're excited to spend time with our fellow members and incredible sponsors, enjoying good food and drinks.

As we wrap up the conference on Thursday morning, join us for the final inning. The General Session will feature a news from the Finance Council, Economic Update and an Auditor General update, ensuring we finish strong and round the bases with valuable insights.

Before or during the conference, make sure you grab your digital playbook by downloading the Guidebook app. It's the MVP for accessing the agenda, customizing your schedule, and staying in the know with real-time updates. Instructions will be sent to all attendees so you can swing into action with ease. Plus, after the conference, all presentations will be available online, ensuring you can review the highlights whenever you need to brush up on your game.

Please keep an eye on [FSFOA.org](#) for updated agendas. Let's make this conference a home run!

Dawn Muir, FSFOA President