

## 2026 FSBA/FADSS Annual Summer Conference

### TENTATIVE AGENDA

#### WEDNESDAY | JUNE 10, 2026

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM	FSBA Executive Officers Breakfast and Meeting	Tower Suite
9:00 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration	Audubon Foyer
10:00 AM - 10:45 AM	FSBA Finance Committee Meeting	Roseate Spoonbill
10:45 AM - 11:30 AM	FSBA Equity Committee Meeting	Pelican
11:30 AM - 12:30 PM	Lunch on your own	
12:30 PM - 1:00 PM	FSBA Advocacy Committee Meeting	Sandhill Crane
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	FSBA Federal Relations Subcommittee Meeting	Sandhill Crane
1:00 PM - 3:30 PM	FL PALM Board Meeting	Herring Gull
1:30 PM - 1:45 PM	Coffee Break <span style="float: right;">Sponsored by: </span>	Audubon Foyer
1:45 PM - 3:15 PM	<p><b>PRE-CONFERENCE SESSION</b></p> <p><b>Onboarding New School Board Members – Accelerating Their Impact from Day One</b>                      With term limits creating more frequent transitions on Florida school boards, intentional onboarding has never been more critical. This interactive pre-conference session equips governance teams with practical strategies to quickly orient newly elected members to their roles, responsibilities, and the legal framework in which they must work. Participants will explore essential preboarding and onboarding topics, timelines, and tools that build clarity, confidence, and a strong governance culture. We will also highlight the importance of helping new members gain a clear understanding of the unique characteristics, priorities, data, and community context of their own school district, ensuring they are prepared to increase their impact from day one.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Tina Pinkoson, Director of Leadership Services, Florida School Boards Association</i>  <i>April Griffin, Leadership Services Consultant, Florida School Boards Association</i>  <i>Carol Cook, Leadership Services Consultant, Florida School Boards Association</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Sponsored by: </p>	White Ibis 2 CBM pts.
3:30 PM - 5:00 PM	FSBA Board of Directors Meeting <span style="float: right;">Sponsored by:  </span>	Audubon D/E/F
5:00 PM - 5:30 PM	FSBA Leadership Services Committee Meeting	Audubon D/E/F

#### THURSDAY | JUNE 11, 2026





#### SNEAKER CHIC DAY! Save your feet and pair your favorite sneakers with your business attire.

7:30 AM - 5:00 PM	Conference Registration	Audubon Foyer
7:30 AM - 8:30 AM	Continental Breakfast & Coffee Break <span style="float: right;">Sponsored by:   </span>	Audubon Foyer
	Breakfast Meetings: Florida School Labor Relations Service (FSLRS)	Pelican
	FSBA Small District Council	Skylark
	Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition	White Ibis





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<p>8:45 AM - 10:15 AM</p>	<p><b>OPENING GENERAL SESSION</b></p> <p><b>President’s Welcome</b> Angie Gallo, FSBA President, Advanced Certified Board Member, Orange County School Board Member</p> <p><b>Pledge of Allegiance</b> TBD</p> <p><b>FSBA President’s Award</b> Angie Gallo, FSBA President, Advanced Certified Board Member, Orange County School Board Member</p> <p><b>Thought for the Week</b> Vicki-Elaine Felder, Certified Board Member, Orange County School Board Member</p> <p><b>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker</b> Kate Wallace, Polk County School Board Member</p> <p><b>Keynote Speaker</b> Anne Marie Anderson, three-time Emmy award-winning broadcaster, author, &amp; keynote speaker</p> <p><b>The Moment of Impact: Understanding Your Influence</b> Between navigating the cluttered social and political agendas, increased community involvement, and heavy rates of attrition, it can be easy to lose sight of the powerful and positive influence of a healthy school board. Reconnect with how what you do matters and the impact it has on the future, the family, and the community. When all the noise tries to distract you from your purpose, this deeply personal keynote reminds you how your often unsung efforts can change not only the course of a student's life but that of the entire family.</p> <div data-bbox="354 919 500 1138" data-label="Image"> </div> <p><b>About Anne Marie Anderson</b> Anne Marie Anderson is a three-time Emmy award-winning broadcaster, author, and keynote speaker who teaches educators and leaders how to employ courage to take worthwhile risks that lead to stronger teams, confident students, and thriving school cultures.</p> <p>Over more than three decades in sports broadcasting, Anne Marie has covered the world’s biggest stages, including six Olympic Games, the Super Bowl, and over 1,500 live events for ESPN, ABC, NBC, FOX, and TBS. In the process, she has observed what separates good teams from great ones and how those same lessons apply to classrooms, staff rooms, and communities everywhere.</p> <p>As a keynote speaker, Anne Marie blends humor, storytelling, and research-based insights to help educators build cultures of courage, belonging, and possibility. Her sessions empower audiences to dismantle self-doubt, model resilience for students, and take bold action in pursuit of growth.</p> <p>Her book, <i>Cultivating Audacity: Dismantle Doubt and Let Yourself Win</i>, an Amazon #1 New Release in Business Diversity and Career Growth, guides readers through identifying barriers such as fear, time, and self-criticism and transforming them into motivation and momentum.</p> <p>Anne Marie reminds leaders that courage is contagious and when educators lead with audacity, they inspire the next generation to do the same.</p> <div data-bbox="1019 1537 1318 1612" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Sponsored by:</p>	<p>Audubon A/B/C <i>1 CBM pt.</i></p>
<p>10:15 AM - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Coffee Break</p> <div data-bbox="639 1684 1318 1738" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Sponsored by:</p>	<p>Audubon Foyer</p>
<p>10:30 AM - 12:15 PM</p>	<p><b>FSBA General Membership Meeting</b> Presiding Angie Gallo, FSBA President, Advanced Certified Board Member, Orange County School Board Member Time Certain 10:45 a.m. - Board of Directors Elections (odd-numbered districts) Time Certain 11:30 a.m. - Election and Swearing-in of FSBA Executive Officers for 2026-2027</p>	<p>Audubon D/E/F</p>
<p>10:30 AM – 3:30 PM</p>	<p>FADSS Superintendent Leadership Development Training Program (Superintendents Only)</p>	<p>Snowy Egret</p>


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12:15 PM - 1:15 PM	<p><b>Networking Luncheon and Awards</b>  <b>FELL President’s Award</b> Presented by: Bob Cerra, CEO, Cerra Consulting Group</p> <p>Sponsored by:    </p>	Audubon A/B/C
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	FELL Meeting	Herring Gull
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	<b>BREAKOUT SESSION I</b>	
	<p><b>Introduction to NotebookLM (This session is a replay of the winter conference presentation. For more advanced discussion of NotebookLM, visit the 2:45 PM session.)</b></p> <p>This session is designed for users new to NotebookLM or want a refresher of the basics. Bring your laptop to this hands-on workshop and begin building a personalized, AI-powered notebook you can use to instantly summarize pages of documents, answer complex policy questions, analyze data, and more. Unlock the potential of a secure, personalized AI model and learn strategies to use to support the work of your board.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Jeremy Bunkley, Solutions Engineer, Google</i>  <i>Thomas Kennedy, Advanced Certified Board Member, Citrus County School Board Member</i></p>	White Ibis 1 CBM pt.
	<p><b>The New School Leader Playbook: Building Schools Families Choose</b></p> <p>In today’s education landscape, school leaders must do more than manage campuses; they must build schools that families actively choose. This session explores two critical leadership strategies for maintaining enrollment and strengthening family connection: innovative school design and strong school-level communication. Participants will examine how more personalized school models can better meet student needs while also learning why the principal’s role as chief communicator is increasingly essential to building trust and shaping school identity. Together, these approaches reflect the evolving skill sets administrators need to lead in a competitive, family-centered environment.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Amity Schuyler, President &amp; CEO, Consortium of Florida Education Foundations</i>  <i>Dr. Mike Grego, Superintendent, Retired, Pinellas County Schools</i></p>	Audubon F 1 CBM pt.
	<p><b>What School Board Members Need To Know Heading Into Budget Season</b></p> <p><i>The budget season is upon us, so it is a great time to get a CFO’s perspective on what Florida school board members need to know as they begin to prepare for the 2026-2027 fiscal year budget process. As a school board member, you are clearly interested in your district’s finances, so come to hear about the process. Topics will include: how the Legislature works through the Florida K-12 budget, what TRIM is and how it works, what vital financial statistics about your district you should know by heart, policy and governance issues as a board member, and finally what questions you should be asking your CFO.</i></p> <p><b>Presenter:</b>  <i>Michael Degutis, Retired Florida School District CFO</i></p>	Sandhill Crane 1 CBM pt.
	<p><b>Addressing Chronic Absenteeism through a Community &amp; District Lens</b></p> <p>Join us to explore two Chronic Absenteeism Projects led by the Florida Grade-Level Reading Campaign, an initiative of FACCT, and the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations. These organizations have partnered to examine data and insights from seven participating districts—Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Martin, Orange, Pinellas, and St. Lucie. Their collaborative work includes attendance data reviews, root cause analysis, community engagement, and the development of targeted strategies. During this session, we will highlight key findings and emerging trends from the districts’ efforts. We will also discuss common challenges that hinder consistent student attendance. Finally, we will share a practical toolkit of evidence informed solutions designed to strengthen attendance and help families better understand the impact of missed instructional time.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Jenn Faber, FL Campaign Director, FL Grade-Level Reading Campaign (an initiative of FACCT)</i>  <i>Kim Jowell, CEO, Pinellas Education Foundation</i>  <i>Anna Corman, President &amp; CEO, Hillsborough Education Foundation</i></p>	Roseate Spoonbill 1 CBM pt.


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<p>1:30 PM - 2:30 PM</p>	<p><b>Be a Better Board Member: The Mindset of Leading with the Heart</b>          "It doesn't catch up with you - until it catches up with you - and it always catches up with you."          Find out what "it" is by taking an hour-long journey through the mind to the heart. Along the way on the journey, there will be opportunities to laugh, to ponder the meaning of life, to reflect on the past, on the present, and on the future, and to maybe even shed a tear. Learning what "it" is changes the mindset of how we view each other, and this mindset change has the potential to truly be the first day of a new way of being that will lead to less conflict, and more harmony, with every other human being - from our most intimate relationships, to the person behind the counter at your favorite department store. Change your mindset - transform your relationships - in about an hour.</p> <p><b>Presenter:</b>  <i>Richard Tatem, Advanced Certified Board Member, Vice Chair, Manatee County School Board Member</i></p>	<p>Cormorant  <i>1 CBM pt.</i></p>
<p>2:30 PM - 2:45 PM</p>	<p>Coffee Break          Sponsored by:    </p>	<p>Audubon Foyer</p>
<p>2:45 PM - 3:45 PM</p>	<p><b>BREAKOUT SESSION II</b></p> <p><b>NotebookLM and Beyond</b>  <b>(This workshop is designed for those who previously attended Introduction to NotebookLM, either at 1:30 PM or during the winter conference.)</b></p> <p>With a basic understanding in NotebookLM, you can begin exploring and developing more advanced uses, including Gems and other powerful features that extend its capabilities. In this workshop, you'll explore advanced customization options for how you can analyze, organize, and present information.</p> <p>Note: While the apps used in this workshop are accessible on a cell phone, the user experience will be significantly better on a laptop or tablet. Participants are encouraged to bring a fully charged laptop.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Jeremy Bunkley, Solutions Engineer, Google</i>  <i>Dr. Demetrius Rice, Director of Strategic Operations, Florida School Boards Association</i></p> <p><b>How Data-Driven Governance Improves Student Success</b>          What happens when school boards and superintendents align around a shared framework for decision-making? In Walton County, the EPIC model-Excellence, Professionalism, Innovation, and Collaboration - has helped leaders use data to guide governance decisions and improve student outcomes. This session will highlight how Walton County used data to guide strategic priorities including graduation rates, food services, student assessments, and overall district performance—while sharing practical lessons other districts can apply to strengthen data-informed leadership.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Jason Catalano, Certified Board Member, Chair, Walton County School Board Member</i>  <i>A. Russell Hughes, Superintendent, Walton County School District</i></p> <p><b>Addressing Chronic Absenteeism through a Community &amp; District Lens</b>          Join us to explore two Chronic Absenteeism Projects led by the Florida Grade-Level Reading Campaign, an initiative of FACCT, and the Consortium of Florida Education Foundations. These organizations have partnered to examine data and insights from seven participating districts—Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Martin, Orange, Pinellas, and St. Lucie. Their collaborative work includes attendance data reviews, root cause analysis, community engagement, and the development of targeted strategies. During this session, we will highlight key findings and emerging trends from the districts' efforts. We will also discuss common challenges that hinder consistent student attendance. Finally, we will share a practical toolkit of evidence informed solutions designed to strengthen attendance and help families better understand the impact of missed instructional time.</p> <p><b>Presenters:</b>  <i>Jenn Faber, FL Campaign Director, FL Grade-Level Reading Campaign (an initiative of FACCT)</i>  <i>Kim Jowell, CEO, Pinellas Education Foundation</i>  <i>Anna Corman, President &amp; CEO, Hillsborough Education Foundation</i></p>	<p>White Ibis  <i>1 CBM pt.</i></p> <p>Pelican  <i>1 CBM pt.</i></p> <p>Roseate Spoonbill  <i>1 CBM pt.</i></p>






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5:00 PM - 5:45 PM	Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards Business Meeting and Reception	Cormorant
5:30 PM - 6:30 PM	<p><b>FSBA Reception</b> Sponsored by:</p> 	Skylark
<b>FRIDAY   JUNE 12, 2026</b>		
<b>SPIRIT DAY! Show your district pride by wearing your district gear all day.</b>		
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8:00 AM - 10:00 AM  Breakfast from 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM	<p><b>GENERAL SESSION II AND PLATED BREAKFAST</b></p> <p><b>Presiding - Welcome</b>            Dr. Allison Campbell, FSBA President, Certified Board Member, Marion County School Board Member</p> <p><b>Introduction of the Keynote Speaker</b>            Patti Rendon, Advanced Certified Board Member, Hillsborough County School Board Member</p>	Audubon A/B/C 1 CBM pt.

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<p>8:00 AM – 10:00 AM</p> <p>Breakfast from 8:00 AM - 8:30 AM</p>	<p><b>Keynote Speaker:</b> Dr. Kathy McFarland, Executive Director of the Consortium of State School Boards Associations</p> <p><b>Increase Your Impact: Leading with Purpose</b> Great governance begins with a clear purpose. In this session, board members will learn how to stay focused on what matters most: policy, budgeting, oversight, and accountability, without being distracted. By aligning decisions with shared goals like student achievement, resource management, and community partnerships, leaders can create conditions for meaningful, lasting impact. When you lead with purpose, you strengthen your focus and, ultimately, your influence.</p>  <p><b>About Dr. Kathy McFarland</b> Dr. McFarland brings a lifelong commitment to public education and an impressive record of leadership to her new role. She most recently served as Chief Executive Officer of the Ohio School Boards Association, and previously worked as a teacher, assistant principal, and principal in two Central Ohio school districts. Her entire professional career has been grounded in supporting students, school boards, and public education systems.</p> <p>Her personal motto is: Empowering leaders. Advancing public education. She believes that strong, ethical and informed leadership at the school board level directly impacts students. She is committed to building strong relationships with COSSBA member states, its partners, and the communities served by the COSSBA members.</p> <p>With a leadership style defined by clarity, compassion, and respect, Dr. McFarland prides herself in listening, learning and leading as she supports the work that school board associations do every day.</p> <p>Sponsored by:   </p>	<p>Audubon A/B/C 1 CBM pt.</p>
<p>10:00 AM - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Coffee Break - <b>Check out and bring your luggage to your next session</b></p>	<p>Audubon Foyer</p>
<p>10:30 AM - Noon</p>	<p><b>General Session III</b> <b>2026 Legislative Session Review and Q&amp;A</b></p> <p>Join us for an in-depth review of the key education-related outcomes from the 2026 Florida Legislative Session. A panel discussion featuring state legislators is anticipated, pending the official conclusion of Session.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Joe McGehee, Esq., Dir. of Advocacy &amp; Legislative Services, Florida School Boards Association</p> <p>* If you would like to submit a question, scan the QR code.</p>	<p>Audubon D/E/F 2 CBM pts.</p> 

## SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

### DID YOU KNOW?

### FADSS OFFERS FREE ETHICS TRAINING



**All Florida Constitutional Officers must meet the state-mandated ethics requirement by Dec 31, 2026.**

School Board Members are required to report completion of the requirements on the Form 6 Financial Disclosure Form.

Questions? Contact:  
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or Carolyn Sanders, sanders@fsba.org



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