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From: Ruth Melton <noreply@eboardsolutions.com>
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 3:09 PM
To: Pugh, Marilyne
Subject: Selection of Representative on FSBA's Legislative Committee
Attachments: 2013-14LegislativeLiaison.ReportingForm.docx; 2013-14 Legislative Liaison.Reporting Form.pdf

[NOTE: This memo is being sent on behalf of the FSBA Legislative Committee Chair Becki Couch and Vice Chair Carol Cook to school board members, superintendents, and selected district staff]

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In order to encourage equal representation of all school boards in our legislative efforts, the FSBA Bylaws call for each school board to annually designate a school board member, and an alternate, to serve on the FSBA Legislative Committee. These "Legislative Liaisons" are the core of the FSBA Legislative Committee, serving as the key architects of the FSBA Legislative Platform and as essential advocates in our local, state and federal lobbying efforts. Because they are charged with such important duties, Legislative Liaisons are offered additional training opportunities to enhance their advocacy skills, their general knowledge of the legislative process, and their specific knowledge of key state and federal education issues.

The selection of your district's Legislative Liaison, and an alternate, should take place during the November 19, 2013 Organizational Meeting. Any member of your school board is eligible to serve as your Legislative Liaison, but please also be aware that your current Legislative Liaison is eligible to serve consecutive terms. Once your Legislative Liaison and Alternate have been selected, please ensure that the attached Legislative Liaison Reporting Form (in either Word or PDF format) is completed and returned to the FSBA office by December 13, 2013. For your convenience, the Reporting Form is also available on the FSBA website at <http://www.fsba.org/legislativecommittee.asp#responsibilities>.

Also, please note that this special selection process applies **ONLY** to the Legislative Liaison and alternate who will serve on the main FSBA Legislative Committee. **All** school board members are welcome to sign up to serve on either or both of the Legislative Committee Subcommittees -- the Advocacy Subcommittee and the Federal Relations Network Subcommittee.

If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Melton at melton@fsba.org or 850/414-2578.

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Attachments

Pugh, Marilyne

From: Wyrosdick, Tim
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 4:00 PM
To: Pugh, Marilyne
Subject: FW: Further Information on Selection of FSBA Legislative Committee Member

From: Ruth Melton [<mailto:noreply@eboardsolutions.com>]
Sent: Monday, October 21, 2013 3:52 PM
To: Wyrosdick, Tim
Subject: Further Information on Selection of FSBA Legislative Committee Member

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Alert district staff members have reminded me that Florida law now provides that, in non-election years, school boards may hold their Organization Meeting on any date in November but our memo, sent earlier today, specifically mentioned November 19, 2013 as the date for the Organization Meeting. Please note that November 19 is the date that the Organization Meeting WOULD have been scheduled if the law had not changed. We have been advised that some districts are taking advantage of the flexibility that the law now provides by choosing another date in November for this important meeting. FSBA is hopeful that, regardless of the date of the meeting and in addition to other business to be conducted, school boards will manage to select a representative to serve on FSBA's Legislative Committee.

I apologize if I have caused any confusion. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Ruth

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DESIGNATION OF 2013-2014 FSBA LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
(Please print or type)

SCHOOL DISTRICT: _____

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Other contact information: _____

ALTERNATE: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Office Phone: _____

Cell: _____ Fax: _____

Email: _____

Other contact information: _____

Name of person completing this form _____

Position: _____ **Phone:** _____

Please complete and submit this form to Ruth Melton in the FSBA office by **December 13, 2013**. Forms may be emailed to melton@fsba.org, faxed to 850/414-2585, or mailed to 203 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, FL 32301. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Ruth Melton at the FSBA office by phone at 850/414-2578 or by email at melton@fsba.org.