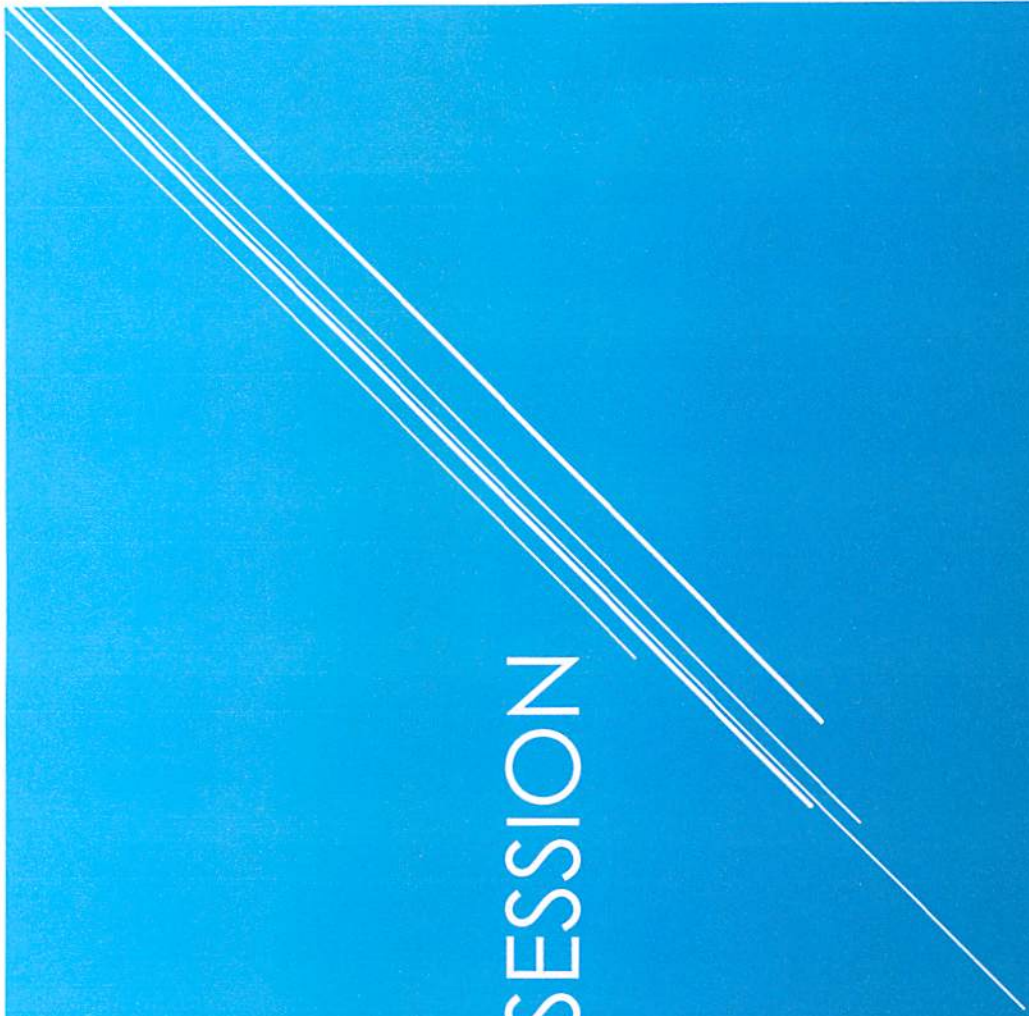




2017 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

Santa Rosa County Schools

2017 Legislative Update

- ▶ Allows parents **and residents of the county** to provide the district school board evidence that an instructional material for adoption by the district does not meet the state criteria, contain prohibited content, or is otherwise inappropriate or unsuitable;
- ▶ Allows county residents to contest the adoption of an instructional material and object to the use of a material made available to students;
- ▶ Requires the process for contesting the adoption of an instructional material to provide for an **impartial hearing officer** and to provide certain procedural protections;
- ▶ Requires school districts to provide **access to library materials** upon written request;
- ▶ Requires school districts to maintain a **current list of purchased instructional materials on their websites**;
- ▶ The bill also specifies that an instructional material must be free of content that is pornographic or harmful to minors in order to be recommended for inclusion in the state-adopted list and that any material used in a classroom must also be free of such content.
- ▶ **Approved by Governor on 06/26/17**

HB 989 INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

- ▶ The bill revises private school student eligibility by allowing a student in a non-FHSAA member private school to participate in sports at the school where the student could choose to attend pursuant to the district's controlled open enrollment policy provided the public school has not reached **capacity** as determined by the school board, in addition to the student's zoned school which is currently permitted by law.
- ▶ **Approved by Governor on 06/26/17**

HB 1109 HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS

- ▶ Student Rights
 - ▶ Express religious beliefs in **written and oral assignments** free from discrimination.
 - ▶ Wear **jewelry** that displays a religious message or symbol to the same extent as secular types of jewelry that displays messages or symbols are permitted.
 - ▶ **Engage in and organize religious groups** before, during, and after the school day in the same manner and to the same extent that secular student organizations and groups are permitted.
- ▶ School districts must:
 - ▶ Allow a religious group the same access to the same school facilities for assembling as given to a secular group and allow a religious or secular group to advertise or announce its meetings.
 - ▶ Permit school personnel to participate in religious activities on school grounds that are student-initiated and at reasonable times before or after the school day as long as the activities are voluntary and do not conflict with the duties and responsibilities of such school personnel.
 - ▶ Approved by Governor on 6/9/17

SB 436 RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION

- ▶ The bill expands access to the Gardiner Scholarship Program (GSP) by:

- ▶ Expanding **student eligibility and therapies** covered

The bill expands access to the Tax Credit Scholarship Program (GSP) by:

- ▶ Increasing the base annual scholarship amount, differentiated by grade level, for students enrolled in eligible private schools;
- ▶ Increasing the amount of a transportation scholarship for a student who chooses a public school outside their district from \$500 to \$750;
- ▶ Allowing a dependent child of a parent who is a member of the U.S. Armed Forces to apply for a scholarship at any time;
- ▶ Providing that a private school that has consecutive years of material exceptions listed in their annual financial reports may be ineligible to participate in the FTC;
- ▶ Approved by Governor on 06/26/17

HB 15 GARDINER SCHOLARSHIP AND FLORIDA TAX CREDIT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

- ▶ The bill directs the FLDOE to issue a competitive solicitation for a contract to conduct a comprehensive study of states with high-performing students in grades 6 through 8 in reading and mathematics, based on the states' performance on the National Assessment of Educational Progress.
- ▶ The study must include a review of the following general topics:
 - ▶ Academic expectations and instructional strategies.
 - ▶ Attendance policies and student mobility issues.
 - ▶ Teacher quality.
 - ▶ Middle school administrator leadership and performance.
 - ▶ Parental and community involvement.
- ▶ The bill deletes the requirement for middle grade students to complete the career and education planning course.
- ▶ Approved by Governor on 6/2/17

HB 293 MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDY

- ▶ Provides for a "back-to-school" holiday for clothing, footwear, school supplies, and computers to take place **August 4th – 6th, 2017**
- ▶ Approved by Governor on 5/25/17

HB 7109 TAX PACKAGE

- ▶ **Definition:** A bill that amends the Florida Statutes to provide for specific changes in the general appropriations bill

CONFORMING BILLS

- ▶ Removal of teacher bonus caps – AP, IB, AICE, CAPE
- ▶ Lowest 300 Schools program
- ▶ Student attire incentive – removal of no pattern requirement
- ▶ Schools of Excellence
- ▶ Teacher certification requirement modifications
- ▶ Civic literacy
- ▶ Charter school standard contract
- ▶ High performing charter schools – replication
- ▶ Capital Outlay sharing with charter schools
- ▶ Elimination of the Algebra II EOC
- ▶ Testing window consolidation

HB 7069 EDUCATION CONFORMING BILL

- ▶ Grades 3 -6 ELA and Math paper/pencil requirement
- ▶ SAT/ACT study
- ▶ School board member visitation of schools
- ▶ Schools of Hope
- ▶ Title I funding
- ▶ Best and Brightest Teachers and Principals
- ▶ Gardiner Scholarship Program
- ▶ Recess
- ▶ Autism Treatment Language
- ▶ Student use of sunscreen
- ▶ Shared Use Task Force
- ▶ **Approved by Governor on 6/15/17**

HB 7069 EDUCATION CONFORMING BILL (CONTINUED)

- ▶ General Revenue used in the FEFP totals **\$7,750,817,167**, compared to \$7,696,013,962 included in the prior year – **VETOED**
- ▶ Original bill increased per student funding \$24.49.
- ▶ The new proposal added approximately \$75 per student to get to \$100.
- ▶ Not every district will wind up with an increase over FY 2016-2017 of \$100 per student.
- ▶ **Special Session 2017 A FEFP approved by Governor on 06/26/17**
- ▶ HB 7069 appropriates a total of **\$413,950,000** of that number:
 - ▶ **\$233,950,000** for Best and Brightest Teachers and Principals
 - ▶ **\$30,000,000** for Gardiner Scholarships
 - ▶ **\$15,000,000** for provisions related to statewide assessments
 - ▶ The **\$135,000,000** remaining will fund all other provisions in the bill (including Schools of Hope)

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ SB 104: Computer Coding Instruction
- ▶ HB 139: Local Tax Referenda
- ▶ HB 233: Students with Disabilities
- ▶ HB 1229: Committee on Early Grade Success
- ▶ SB 808: Maximum Class Size
- ▶ SB 964: Education Accountability (some similar elements are contained in HB 7069)
- ▶ HB 7029 changes
- ▶ Funding following the student

BILLS THAT DIDN'T PASS/NEXT SESSION TOPICS

- ▶ Prepare for the 2018 session – committee weeks will begin in September
- ▶ Interim Committee Weeks
 - ▶ September 12-15, 2017
 - ▶ October 9-13, 2017
 - ▶ October 23-27, 2017
 - ▶ November 6-9, 2017
 - ▶ November 13-17, 2017
 - ▶ December 4-8, 2017
- ▶ **January 9, 2018 Session begins**

NEXT STEPS