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### [Scott lays out spending priorities | Florida governor wants less for Medicaid, more for education](#) (Bradenton Herald © 12/08/2011)

Herald/Times Tallahassee Bureau TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday put forth a state budget for next year that boosts public school spending by \$1 billion, partly by sharply cutting what Florida pays hospitals to treat patients in the highly expensive Medicaid program. "I will not sign a budget that does not significantly increase state funding for education," Scott s...

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### [Gov. Scott's budget proposes deep cuts in spending, but an increase for education](#) (Central Florida News 13 © 12/08/2011)

TALLAHASSEE – Gov. Rick Scott wants more money for schools, but he's proposing \$4.6 billion in spending cuts for other parts of the state budget to get it. Scott on Wednesday rolled out spending recommendations that include \$1 billion in new money for K-12 education. His proposal for the budget year beginning July 1 totals \$66.4 billion. ...

[\*\*Cuts in State Budgets Threaten Nation's College-Completion Agenda\*\*](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education © 12/08/2011)

By Jennifer Gonzalez Cuts in state budgets are putting the nation's college-completion agenda in jeopardy, says a new report by the Education Policy Center at the University of Alabama. The center surveyed members of the National Council of State Directors of Community Colleges, whose institutions' main goals these days are graduating more students and adequately preparing them for employment. Y...

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[\*\*Texas Argues Against Supreme Court Review of Its Use of Race in Admissions\*\*](#)

(Chronicle of Higher Education © 12/08/2011)

By Peter Schmidt The University of Texas at Austin has urged the U.S. Supreme Court not to take up a lawsuit challenging the university's race-conscious admission policy, arguing in a brief filed Wednesday that the plaintiff lacks standing and that her lawyers' reasons for asking the justices to hear the case miss the mark. The plaintiff's lawyers filed a petition in October asking the Supreme C...

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[\*\*No easy task for school district\*\*](#)

(Citrus County Chronicle © 12/08/2011)

By the Chronicle Editorial Board THE?ISSUE: School district looks for ways to cut budget by \$5 million. OUR?OPINION: No easy answers as district considers options. Citrus County schools are caught between the proverbial rock and hard place as they search for ways to cut \$5 million out of next year's budget. The cuts are necessary because of cuts in state funding. ...

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[\*\*Fighting Pell Grant fraud\*\*](#)

(CommunityCollegeTimes © 12/08/2011)

Recent media reports of people posing as students to swindle Pell Grant funds have focused attention on student aid fraud, but in most cases community colleges have thwarted such attempts through myriad methods. Although there is no silver bullet to entirely prevent such crime, community colleges are staying abreast of new tricks criminals use, especially when they involve technology, said David...

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[\*\*Raines principal forced out after lying to police\*\*](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 12/08/2011)

The charismatic and popular principal of Raines High School was forced out Wednesday for attempting to cover up aspects of a theft at his school, lying to investigators about the theft and trying to get another staff member to lie as well. Duval County Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals said George Maxey was asked to resign because of his actions after the Nov. 18 theft of cell phones, digital music ...

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[\*\*Northeast Florida students, parents worried about rising college costs\*\*](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 12/08/2011)

Studying to become a physical therapist, Jariss George is a freshman at the University of North Florida where he's also learning senior-level lessons in the realities of higher education financing. George has a scholarship, but it's not enough to pay for tuition, books and other college expenses all four years. Rather than shift the burden to his parents, who he said don't have a lot of money, G...

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[\*\*Wise bill links Education department with juvenile justice\*\*](#)

An overhaul of Florida's juvenile justice system aims to better measure how educators handle students who enter that system and tries to ensure that those students have a marketable skill when they return home. The push led by state Sen. Stephen Wise, R-Jacksonville, requires the Department of Education to create specific performance measures for school districts and private providers who give edu...

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#### **Florida Morning: Gov. Rick Scott rolls out proposed budget**

(Florida Times-Union © 12/08/2011)

By: Matt Dixon ([matt.dixon@jacksonville.com](mailto:matt.dixon@jacksonville.com), @Mdixon55) Florida Morning appears every weekday. Subscribe via e-mail. GOV. RICK SCOTT'S PROPOSED BUDGET CONGRATS TEACH, SORRY DOC: Gov. Rick Scott proposed a \$66.4 billion state budget Tuesday that would restore \$1 billion in previous cuts to public schools, and at a Capitol press conference he issued a veto threat...

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#### **Scott: Boost schools while cutting billions**

(Florida Today © 12/08/2011)

ALLAHASSEE — T Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday proposed a budget for the upcoming year that would increase money for schools, but would make dramatic cuts elsewhere to pay for the extra funding. Scott, who once ran the nation's largest chain of hospitals, wants to sharply cut what the state spends reimbursing hospitals for taking care of patients enrolled in Medicaid. He also wants to shut down...

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#### **Brevard effect: School funding gap might not close**

(Florida Today © 12/08/2011)

Overall funding local schools might see next year could decline, even with Gov. Rick Scott's proposed increase of \$1 billion in state funding for K-12 education. Brevard school officials are expecting cuts again next school year based on Scott's proposal, as it does not include money to replace the federal ?ed jobs? stimulus, which served as a stopgap this year in the district's budget amid short...

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#### **Gov. Scott: Budget trims won't please all**

(Ft. Myers News-Press © 12/08/2011)

TALLAHASSEE - Florida Gov. Rick Scott on Wednesday said he was elected to make tough choices and not everyone would be happy with the \$66.4 billion budget he proposed. Scott, who once ran the nation's largest chain of hospitals, wants to sharply cut what the state spends reimbursing hospitals for taking care of patients enrolled in Medicaid. He also wants to shut down a handful of state prisons, ...

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#### **Teacher not fired, just let go**

(Hernando Today © 12/08/2011)

BROOKSVILLE – Superintendent Bryan Blavatt said former Powell Middle School band teacher Kyle Huston was not fired following an investigation into allegations that he pushed a 12-year-old student. He prefers to say that Huston's probationary contract was terminated — immediately. On Tuesday, Blavatt told Hernando Today he didn't know about an alleged battery at PMS and eve...

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#### **Completion Conundrum**

(Inside Higher Education © 12/08/2011)

The state funding outlook for community colleges is too bleak for the completion agenda to succeed, according to a national survey of statewide leaders of two-year institutions. For example, respondents from just four states said a "long-term plan exists to finance the operating budgets needed to increase the number of adults with college degrees and certificates." Facilities budgets ...

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[\*\*Russ Lemmon: Field trip results in greater appreciation for charter school\*\*](#)  
(Jupiter Courier © 12/08/2011)

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[\*\*Charter Schools See Large Enrollment Jump, in Polk and Across Nation\*\*](#)  
(Lakeland Ledger © 12/08/2011)

LAKELAND | More than 2 million students in the nation are now attending more than 5,600 public charter schools, marking the largest single-year jump in enrollment, according to the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools. Florida is in a top growth slot. Some 23,500 additional students are enrolled in charter schools in Florida this year, the ...

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[\*\*Rick Scott Unveils Proposed Budget for 2012\*\*](#)  
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[\*\*Scott recommends \\$1 billion more for schools; change in priorities could be tied to recent Immokalee visit\*\*](#)  
(Naples Daily News © 12/08/2011)

TALLAHASSEE — At some point between this February and Wednesday, Gov. Rick Scott decided to make education spending a priority in Florida. His daylong stint teaching students in Immokalee — viewed by some as a press stunt — might have been the turning point. Earlier this year, Scott proposed \$3.3 billion in cuts to education, an antagonizing...

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[\*\*Florida Budget Adds to School Spending\*\*](#)  
(New York Times © 12/08/2011)

By LIZETTE ALVAREZ MIAMI — When Gov. Rick Scott rolled out his budget on Wednesday, it was to a group of reporters at a news conference at the Florida Capitol in a room packed with staff members, a far cry from the Tea Party crowd that cheered him on during his first budget announcement early this year. The governor's 2012 budget plan was no less a turnaround. Mr. Scott, whose popularity has...

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[\*\*Can Washington help what ails American higher ed?\*\*](#)  
(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 12/08/2011)

Those related challenges are front and center for everyone from Occupy protesters to business leaders concerned about American competitiveness. And expert opinion on what Obama — or any president — can do about the problem varies, from very little to quite a lot. Where you stand depends on where you think the cause lies — with inexorable economic forces that make it virtually in...

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[\*\*Charter school enrollment sees largest single-year increase nationwide, as Florida leads the way\*\*](#)

(Palm Beach Post © 12/08/2011)

It's not only in Palm Beach County that the charter school movement is on an upswing. Thanks to growing parent interest and state laws encouraging charter school expansion, the number of students attending public charter schools nationwide has surpassed 2 million, the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools reported today. The growth marks the largest single-year increase in charter school ...

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[\*\*Governor unveils state budget proposal\*\*](#)

(Pensacola News Journal © 12/08/2011)

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[\*\*Scott budget has more money for schools, less for Medicaid\*\*](#)

(Sarasota Herald-Tribune © 12/08/2011)

TALLAHASSEE Payments to hospitals that treat the poor would be cut and more prison beds and state jobs eliminated to help close a \$2 billion revenue shortfall while cutting corporate taxes and increasing spending on public schools under Gov. Rick Scott's new budget proposal. Scott's \$66.4 billion financial plan for 2012-13 will be considered by lawmakers when they begin their annua...

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[\*\*Scott's budget an improvement, but Legislature can do better\*\*](#)

(St. Petersburg Times © 12/08/2011)

Gov. Rick Scott appears to have finally gotten the message that Floridians care deeply about public education. His proposal to spend \$1 billion more in 2012-13 on K-12 schools would go a long way toward making up for this year's painful \$1.3 billion cut in funding. But Scott's \$66.4 billion state budget plan would come at a high cost, cutting billions from the state's health care safety net, short...

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[\*\*New fees highlight students' growing cost burden\*\*](#)

(St. Petersburg Times © 12/08/2011)

TAMPA — It's a delicate balance. That was the message the University of South Florida provost gave to student senators last week, explaining why students are having to shoulder more and more of the cost of education. As tuition climbs and new student fees are added year after year — including one USF trustees will vote on today — school officials say they want to make sure they...

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[\*\*Scott's budget boosts schools, hits hospitals\*\*](#)

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[\*\*Ban on out-of-county proms irks Springstead High students\*\*](#)

(St. Petersburg Times © 12/08/2011)

SPRING HILL — For years, Springstead High School's juniors and seniors have looked beyond Hernando County's borders to find a posh location for their spring prom. Students have climbed into limousines and headed south to the Florida Aquarium and Busch Gardens in Tampa and Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club in Palm Harbor, among other places. The venues offer both a wow factor and space to acco...

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**[Pasco schools weigh limits on smartphone pictures, videos and uploads](#)**

(St. Petersburg Times © 12/08/2011)

LAND O'LAKES — Pasco County students with smartphones be aware: The rules for their use in school could soon get more strict. School Board members this week discussed banning students from using "wireless communication devices" to take photos, video and audio and post them online while in school, without specific permission in advance. Board member Allen Altman raised concerns about the gr...

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**[Scott's spending plan for education encourages Treasure Coast school officials](#)**

(Stuart News © 12/08/2011)

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott has challenged state lawmakers to funnel \$1 billion more into pre-kindergarten through grade 12 public education in 2012-13, which would mean at least \$144 more a year per Treasure Coast student after tough state education cuts. Scott's request to fuel education also came with a warning for legislators Wednesday — significantly increase public schools money, or risk ha...

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**[Scott Calls for \\$1 Billion More for K-12 Schools, 4.6 Percent Cut in State Budget](#)**

(Sunshine State News © 12/08/2011)

Gov. Rick Scott | Credit: Gage Skidmore - Flickr Gov. Rick Scott called on the state Legislature on Wednesday to boost primary education funding by \$1 billion next year as he looks to make the rest of the 2012-13 budget 4.6 percent more "efficient." Florida House Speaker Dean Cannon, R-Winter Park, called the budget "thoughtful," while Senate President Mike Haridopolos, R-Merritt Island, said the ...

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**[Our Opinion: Billion-dollar effort](#)**

(Tallahassee Democrat © 12/08/2011)

Gov. Rick Scott, in announcing his \$66.4 billion budget proposal Wednesday, is taking the right approach in pledging to be on the side of Florida's teachers, parents and administrators in education spending. Mr. Scott is showing an awareness that cuts to education last year put him at odds with Florida's educators and many of his constituents. Cuts of more than \$1 billion to the state's education...

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**[Scott's budget gives more money to education; 4,500 job positions slashed](#)**

(Tallahassee Democrat © 12/08/2011)

Gov. Rick Scott sent legislators a \$66.4-billion budget plan Wednesday that included \$1 billion more for education and axed about 4,500 job positions — which could lead to some 600 layoffs next summer. Health insurance rates will also be going up for about 27,000 state managers and elected officials, if legislators approve Scott's budget blueprint in the 60-day session starting Jan. 10. T...

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