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FYI – have a great weekend!

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[District rankings provide a profile for businesses](#)
(Apalachicola Times © 02/02/2012)

I am confused. On www.FranklinCountySchools.org, Superintendent Nina Marks states, "The District Staff is committed to excellence and making our school system one to be proud of." However, when faced with the prospect of school district rankings based on student achievement, Supt. Marks tells us "rankings are bad." Why? Easy. Rankings testify to comparative "district" competence. That would...

[Vote yes on school millage levy](#)
(Apalachicola Times © 02/02/2012)

The Franklin County School District needs your help. A special millage election will be held Tuesday, March 6 in which the Franklin County School Board will seek consent for continued flexibility of local school tax revenue. In 2008 the voting citizens of Franklin County consented for the Franklin County School Board to transfer 0.5 mils in local tax revenue from Capital Projects funds into...

[House moves ahead with \\$69.2 billion budget](#)

(Bradenton Herald © 02/02/2012)

Associated Press TALLAHASSEE -- A divided Florida House panel on Wednesday moved ahead with a bare-bones budget for the coming year that raises the cost of college in the state, eliminates thousands of state jobs and cuts health care programs. The \$69.2 billion budget also provides more money for the state's public schools and sets aside money to pay for a sprinkling of tax cuts, inc...

[Charter school proposal triggers traffic concerns](#)

(Bradenton Herald © 02/02/2012)

chawes@bradenton.com MANATEE -- A traffic nightmare? Or the best possible development for a piece of property once slated to hold affordable housing? A group of Manatee County residents seemed convinced Wednesday evening of the former. Charter Schools USA and other firms involved with the company did their best to convince them of the latter. "There was previous approval on this lan...

[Children learn about coastal habitats on aquarium visit](#)

(DeSoto Sun Herald © 02/02/2012)

More than 400 fourth grade students in DeSoto County recently visited the Florida Aquarium with expenses for the trip paid for by a Mosaic grant. Students and teachers at West, Nocatee and Memorial Elementary schools traveled to Tampa to learn about the unique marine environments and habitats surrounding Florida's shorelines. "Trips such as this are an extension of the classroom which moves the ma...

[Florida Senate Passes Bill Allowing Prayer in Schools: Vote Isn't Even Close](#)

(Ft. Lauderdale New Times © 02/02/2012)

This government endorsement of religion brought to you by state Sen. Gary Siplin. ?The state Senate passed SB 98 this afternoon by a 31-8 margin, paving the way for public school districts to allow student prayer in school. The bill would allow "student volunteers to deliver inspirational messages, including but not limited to, prayers of invocation or benediction," according to a legislative summ...

[Governors' speeches reflect states' cautious mood](#)

(Ft. Myers-WINK (CBS) © 02/02/2012)

NEW YORK (AP) - Glimmers of economic optimism. Deep concerns about jobs and health care costs. These are among the recurring themes as governors across the nation deliver their annual State of the State addresses. And the speeches have this in common, too: a striking absence of grand and costly proposals. Some governors have touched on personal matters - evoking childhood experienc...

[School Board wants to explore legalities before possible land sale](#)

(Gulf Breeze News © 02/02/2012)

BY PAM BRANNON Gulf Breeze News news@gulfbreezenews.com Board member Scott Peden of Gulf Breeze wants to make sure schools won't have further use for 409 GB Parkway. Gulf Breeze News file photo The fate of the property under the Gulf Breeze Chamber of Commerce is still in limbo. The property at 409 Gulf Breeze Parkway is owned by the Santa Rosa County School Board. The ...

[School district to change Code of Conduct to include synthetics](#)

(Gulf Breeze News © 02/02/2012)

SCHOOL BOARD BY PAM BRANNON Gulf Breeze News news@gulfbreezenews.com These packages of "Spice" recently were purchased at the Texaco station on Gulf Breeze Parkway. Smoking the substances can be danger- Scott Page/Gulf Breeze News Gulf Breeze High had one student expelled at last week's school board mee...

[Bill would allow school district sales tax](#)

(Hernando Today © 02/02/2012)

TALLAHASSEE – A newly filed education bill would allow voters to decide if they'd like to swap a portion of property taxes in lieu of a half-cent sales tax for capital improvement projects, such as school construction, maintenance and repairs. However, one education official said he doubts local voters would go for such a measure and added doing so would do little to alleviate b...

[No-sense Scott: Governor's position on tuition hikes confusing](#)

(Independent Florida Alligator © 02/02/2012)

The Alligator Editorial Board The Independent Florida Alligator | 0 comments On Tuesday, Gov. Rick Scott, in a somewhat surprising statement, said he did not support increasing tuition for students at Florida's colleges and universities. This position puts the governor at odds with members of his own party in the legislature who are proposing an 8 percent increase in tuition. Sen. Evelyn Lynn, R...

[Gov. Scott opposes tuition hikes, pitting himself against university leaders](#)

(Jupiter Courier © 02/02/2012)

TALLAHASSEE — Gov. Rick Scott said Tuesday that he's ready to put the brakes on tuition hikes for college and university students across Florida. "I don't believe in tuition hikes," Scott said. Last week, 300 Florida university students rallied at the Capitol to oppose what looks like another push by the Legislature to approve a tuition increase. Tuition at five Florida universities has climbe...

[Senate passes school prayer](#)

(Lehigh News Star © 02/02/2012)

The state Senate passed a bill Tuesday that would allow students to lead prayers or inspirational messages at public school events, games and assemblies without teacher or school intervention. The proposal would allow students to praise Allah during a graduation speech, thank Jesus Christ during a student assembly or praise the Mother of Trees during a pep rally. The Senate debated the bill,...

[Teacher Suspended for Putting Hot Sauce on Crayons to Stop Autistic Students From Eating Them](#)

(Miami New Times © 02/02/2012)

A Florida teacher is in hot water after administrating some hot sauce-based discipline. Lillian Gomez, a special needs teacher at Sunrise Elementary School in Kissimmee, Florida, had a problem with some of her autistic students eating the crayons. So, she decided to dip the crayons in hot sauce. She's now been suspended. Now, WFTV reports that some of the student's family members want the teache...

[Local schools among best in Florida](#)

(Northwest Florida Daily News © 02/02/2012)

Several local schools are among the best in Florida, according to rankings released this week by the state Department of Education. Collegiate High School at Northwest Florida State College was the top high school in the state, and Seaside Neighborhood School and Ruckel Middle School were ranked in the Top 10 middle schools. The school-by-school rankings were released Monday, about a week after ...

[\\$69.2B budget would boost schools, cut Medicaid](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 02/02/2012)

TALLAHASSEE — Florida House and Senate budget writers are crafting a \$69 billion-plus spending plan that would deliver most of Gov. Rick Scott's top priorities, from tax incentives for corporations to Medicaid cuts and a \$1.1 billion boost in classroom spending. The state budget taking shape near the midpoint of the 60-day session would accomplish those goals by relying on higher tuition, I...

[Rural educators out of step with state regulators](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 02/02/2012)

JUNEAU, Alaska — Educators from a rural school district told lawmakers Wednesday that their relationship with state regulators was plagued by a lack of meaningful dialogue and filled with inconsistent priorities. Howard Diamond is superintendent of Yupiit School District, which serves three western Alaska communities. He and assistant superintendent Diane George trekked from Akiachak acro...

[Florida bill to give illegal immigrants' kids in-state tuition is quashed](#)

(St. Petersburg Times © 02/02/2012)

TALLAHASSEE — His home ravaged by earthquake, 16-year-old Renato Lherisson returned to his birthplace, the United States, to finish high school and earn a college degree. The Haitian student envisioned studying political science all the way to the doctoral level and maybe joining the United Nations one day. But now he's just hoping to afford one class this semester. Lherisson is one of man...

[House Plans 8 Percent Tuition Hike: Senate to Follow](#)

(Sunshine State News © 02/02/2012)

Pitting the chamber against the wishes of Gov. Rick Scott, the House Appropriations Committee on Wednesday approved a spending plan that calls for an 8 percent tuition increase, continuing an effort to shift more of the cost in higher education to students instead of taxpayers. A day after Scott said he wanted lawmakers to hold the line on tuition, the panel approved a budget that relies on an 8 ...

[Tuition Fight Brewing](#)

(Tallahassee-WCTV (CBS) © 02/02/2012)

Tallahassee, FL – February 1, 2012 – Recent college tuition increases have boosted Florida's tuition ranking from 48 to 45th lowest in the nation. The state is still 26 hundred dollars a year cheaper than the national average. But that isn't stopping these college students from saying enough is enough. ...

[Tuition hikes wear thin on students, administrators](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 02/02/2012)

TAMPA – When Florida lawmakers proposed steadily increasing university tuition until it hit the national average, students and university officials went along because they saw the promise of a better education. As expected, tuition jumped 15 percent year after year. But the other side of the deal — smaller class sizes, expanded course offerings, shorter lines at the regist...

[School Choice Begins In Bay County](#)

(WJHG NBC News 7 Panama City © 02/02/2012)

Panama City- Wednesday was the first official day to submit applications for School Choice in Bay County. School Choice is the option for the district to offer students an alternative besides the school they're currently zoned for. "I would say, roughly ten ...

[Teacher used hot sauce to discipline](#)

(WOLF – Fox Orlando © 02/02/2012)

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (WOFL FOX 35) - Parents at Sunrise Elementary in Kissimmee are furious after they say a teacher crossed the line while trying to discipline her students. District officials say parents came to them complaining about special needs teacher Lillian Gomez sprinkling hot sauce on crayons to prevent her students from chewing on them. "That's no way to discipline a kid. Absolutely not!...

Have a great day!

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