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## Florida Department of Education



[Manatee School for the Arts to fight whistleblower lawsuit](#)  
(Bradenton Herald © 03/14/2012)

PALMETTO - Manatee School for the Arts plans to fight a whistleblower lawsuit filed against it by a federal agency, contending the charter school is part of the public school district and is therefore a state entity, its attorney said Tuesday. "Pursuant to the Constitution, the federal government does not have jurisdiction over state government," said attorney Bill Curphey, "and t...

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[Flagler School Board affirms decision to close failing charter school](#)  
(Daytona Beach News-Journal © 03/14/2012)

BUNNELL - A struggling Bunnell charter school will shut its doors for good this spring, the Flagler County School Board reaffirmed Tuesday. After seven hours in a formal hearing, board members voted 4-1 to close Heritage Academy this spring because of poor academic performance. Board Member Colleen Conklin cast the dissenting vote. She made a motion to wait until the school's Florida Comprehens...

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[Duval school systems deputy superintendent also leaving](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 03/14/2012)

Patricia Willis, deputy superintendent of the Duval County school system, will leave her job at the end of June. Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals said Willis is leaving to take care of her parents and pursue a doctorate. Pratt-Dannals is also leaving, at the end of the year, when his contract expires. Willis has been in the district for 35 years, starting out as a teacher and moving up the ra...

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[Senate snubs hundreds of Gov. Rick Scott's appointees](#)

(Florida Tribune © 03/14/2012)

The Florida Senate snubbed hundreds of Gov. Rick Scott's appointments to state agencies and local governing boards when members adjourned the 2012 session without confirming the appointees. Those who were not confirmed included the heads of the state's prisons agency, as well as the agency that deals with elder affairs and persons with disabilities. Members of state boards that run universities a...

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[Letter: Woman who says Kline cheated couldn't have more credibility](#)

(Jupiter Courier © 03/14/2012)

Stefanos Margetis, Port St. Lucie Letter: Woman who says Kline cheated couldn't have more credibility Nancy Kline wants everyone to believe the recent allegations of her cheating on a superintendent's exam are nothing more than a "smear campaign" against her. Kline must be banking on the fact that most of us know nothing of Terrie Kenney and who she is. When I worked for the Early Learning Coa...

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[Editorial: Florida Association of District School Superintendents should be forthcoming about guidelines for certification exams](#)

(Jupiter Courier © 03/14/2012)

"This letter is to officially notify the School Board of Martin County that (Schools) Superintendent Nancy Kline has successfully completed program and certification requirements of the Florida Superintendent Special Certification Program." The letter — from William J. Montford, CEO of the Florida Association of District School Superintendents, dated Nov. 20, 2009 — also noted that "elected super..."

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[Senate Fails to Confirm Scott Appointees](#)

(Lakeland Ledger © 03/14/2012)

Gov. Rick Scott's picks to run universities, colleges, state agencies and other important boards are now in limbo. The Florida Senate failed to confirm more than 400 appointments Scott has made in the last year during the regular 60-day legislative session that ended Friday. Some of those who were not confirmed include the heads of the state's prison agency, as well as the agency that ...

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[Collier Schools employee calls for tougher sanctions on director who 'bullied employees'](#)

(Naples Daily News © 03/14/2012)

COLLIER COUNTY — A Collier County Public Schools employee called on his colleagues to speak out about the district's recent decision to reprimand rather than demote or fire the district director of technology, Tom Petry. During Tuesday's School Board meeting, Steve Bidelman, a technician in the department of technology who identified himself to the board as a Collier County taxpayer and homeowner...

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[Lake warns parents tougher FCAT grading could mean reading remediation](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 03/14/2012)

In a letter sent home with students, Lake County school-district officials warned that recent state changes to FCAT grading will mean that parents may see a change in their child's test performance and they might have to take a remedial reading course next school year. Changes to the Florida Comprehensive Achievement Test approved in December make it harder for students to earn passing grades on ...

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#### [Osceola ESOL students worried about FCAT changes](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 03/14/2012)

OSCEOLA COUNTY, Fla. — School officials said Osceola County will have the state's highest percentage of students who speak English as a second language, also known as ESOL students. WFTV learned that new education rules could impact the ESOL students and their school. "Have you ever been in the newspaper before?" WFTV reporter Nancy Alvarez asked. "No, never," ESOL student Aaron Rosso h...

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#### [Assembly passes special education voucher plan](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 03/14/2012)

MADISON, Wis. — Private school vouchers would be made available to special education students under a bill that has passed the state Assembly. The Republican-backed measure passed 55-39 Tuesday. It must also pass the Senate this week or it will die for the year. The bill would make \$13,500 available to students with disabilities to use to attend a private or religious school of their cho...

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#### [School district sets rules for Facebook, Twitter](#)

(St. Augustine Record © 03/14/2012)

By Douglas Jordan staugustine.com Copyright 2012 St. Augustine Record. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed. March 13, 2012 - 11:35pm School district sets rules for Facebook, Twitter Special to The Record Addresses what's accepted 'before there's a problem' New rules may soon be in place governing how St. Johns County School Dis...

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#### [Fewer adults seeking GED through PHCC](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 03/14/2012)

BROOKSVILLE - Fewer adults with less than a ninth-grade level of education are enrolling in education courses at Pasco Hernando Community College to try to earn General Educational Development certificates. The decrease follows the passage of a state law last year that required students to pay for GED courses and enroll as regular students, compared with before, when students could take the cour...

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#### [Duval may face fierce competition for high-caliber superintendent](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 03/13/2012)

The Duval County School Board could face a bidding war for its next superintendent. Chairwoman Betty Burney said it is the board's ambition to select a new superintendent before the Aug. 14 election for board members, with that individual being on the job by the end of the year. Outgoing Superintendent Ed Pratt-Dannals, whose contract was not renewed, is leaving Dec. 31. Competition, however, is...

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#### [How did UF grad schools fare in U.S. News and World Report's rankings?](#)

(Gainesville Sun © 03/13/2012)

The University of Florida's College of Education made a major jump in U.S. News and World Report's rankings of top graduate programs, rising 18 spots from last year. The college placed 34th in the annual rankings of top education schools in the magazine's 2013 edition of Best Graduate Schools, posted online today and available April 3 in stores. UF...

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[Rewarding Teaching](#)

(Inside Higher Education © 03/13/2012)

What would it look like if, say, the Federal government were to decide to prioritize good college-level teaching at the same level that it supports university research? This piece in IHE addressed the question, but it struck me as falling badly short of reality. Briefly, the piece suggests that Congress establish a National Pedagogy Foundation as a sort of counterpart to the NEH o...

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Have a great day!

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