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Thanks, Kevin!

Laurie Lee

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FYI - have a great day!

Sincerely,

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### [Levy support critical to school system](#)

(Apalachicola Times © 03/06/2012)

This coming March the voters of Franklin County will make a decision that is critical to the future of our county school system. The decision does not involve a tax increase, and the property owners in Franklin County will not pay one penny more if and (hopefully) when the voters allow the reallocation of one half of one mil by voting, "Yes" on the referendum in the March 6, 2012...

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### [Don't alter standards midstream](#)

(Citrus County Chronicle © 03/06/2012)

THE ISSUE: Proposed changes to Bright Futures scholarship program. OUR OPINION: Current scholarship recipients should be grandfathered. In 1997, the Florida Legislature created the merit-based Bright Futures program to encourage the state's best and brightest high school seniors to pursue their post-secondary educations at Florida's public and private universities or colle...

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### [Adult education programs at Daytona State College hit hard by fees](#)

(Daytona Beach News-Journal © 03/06/2012)

DAYTONA BEACH – The number of students taking adult education classes at Daytona State College has dropped more than 50 percent, partly because of increased state fees, college officials say. The 50.5 percent drop in enrollment occurred this spring semester at campuses in Volusia and Flagler counties compared to spring 2011. The drop is slightly higher than the 48.3 percent the college saw in t...

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### [UNF escapes state budget cuts](#)

(Florida Times-Union © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE – Using tuition increases to bridge a \$5 million gap, the University North Florida is set to emerge unscathed from a tough budget year for higher education. With just one day to spare, Senate and House negotiators reached a deal Monday night on their roughly \$70 billion spending plan. It includes a \$300 million hit to the university system. The level of cuts had been planned, but wh...

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### [Racial divide runs deep in U.S. schools, study finds](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 03/06/2012)

(Reuters) - Black and Latino students across the United States are far more likely to be suspended than white students - and far less likely to have access to rigorous college-prep courses, according to a sweeping study released on Tuesday by the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Civil Rights. The trove of data, collected from 72,000 schools serving 85 percent of the nation's...

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### [Last-minute advocates have mixed record](#)

(Orlando Sentinel © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE – The last two weeks of the legislative session in Florida usually bustle with activity. Lawmakers spend hours on the floor of each chamber passing bills while budget negotiators hustle to strike deals before the clock runs out. And in the background, there are the advocates. At press conferences, rallies and meetings, they urge the passage – or death – of legislatio...

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### [Report: Minority students face harsher punishments](#)

(Orlando-WFTV (ABC) © 03/06/2012)

WASHINGTON — More than 70 percent of students involved in school-related arrests or cases referred to law enforcement were Hispanic or African-American, according to a report to be released Tuesday by the Education Department that raises questions about whether students of all races are disciplined

evenhandedly in America's schools. Black students are more than three times as likely as th...

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#### [Martin County schools superintendent accused of cheating on certification exam](#)

(Palm Beach Post © 03/06/2012)

By Tyler Treadway The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is reviewing allegations that Martin County Schools Superintendent Nancy Kline cheated on a certification exam in 2009. In a memo to School Board Attorney Doug Griffin dated Jan. 22, Kim Sabol, the district's labor/employment representative, wrote that Terrie Kenney, a former consultant and volunteer with the district, claimed K...

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#### [With deal reached, what's next for lawmakers?](#)

(Pensacola News Journal © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE? Florida lawmakers reached a budget deal on Monday, all but assuring that the session will be wrapped up by Friday. The only mystery left in the waning days is whether or not legislators will reach agreement on a fix for auto insurance, which remains a top priority for Gov. Rick Scott. He wants lawmakers to make changes to the mandatory insurance known as personal injury protection bu...

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#### [Discovery event showcases technology in the classroom](#)

(Pensacola News Journal © 03/06/2012)

The Discovery Channel you have been watching on TV for decades is now the center for interactive, innovative programming in the classroom. Milton High School played host to more than 100 teachers, parents and students for Discovery Education: A Night of Discovery on Monday night. Interactive chalkboards and educational video editing systems were just a couple of programs on display for attendee...

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#### [Students need support to reach higher bar](#)

(South Florida Sun-Sentinel © 03/06/2012)

The latest round in the battle royal to tune up Florida's schools so graduates can go toe-to-toe with global competition ended last week in a split decision. Education Commissioner Gerard Robinson — staunchly in the corner of tougher standards — landed a haymaker. The state Board of Education approved a more rigorous school grading scheme. Despite teeth-gnashing that the plan surely w...

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#### [Analysis: Most big questions for session settled](#)

(St. Augustine Record © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida lawmakers reached a budget deal on Monday, all but assuring that the session will be wrapped up by March 9. The only mystery left in the waning days is whether or not legislators will reach agreement on a fix for auto insurance, which remains a top priority for Gov. Rick Scott. He wants lawmakers to make changes to the mandatory insurance known as personal injury protec...

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#### [Plan would give Gov. more power over universities](#)

(St. Augustine Record © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — A ballot proposal that would let the governor choose the Board of Governors' student representative from the 11 student body presidents has been passed by the Florida House. The House approved the proposed state constitutional amendment (HJR 931) by a 114-0 vote on Monday. The board oversees the state university system. The seat in question now is held by the president of the F...

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### ['Parent trigger' bill triggers debate about schools](#)

(St. Augustine Record © 03/06/2012)

By BILL KACZOR [staugustine.com](http://staugustine.com) Copyright 2012 St. Augustine Record. All rights reserved. This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten or redistributed. March 5, 2012 - 11:17pm 'Parent trigger' bill triggers debate about schools Associated Press TALLAHASSEE — A bill that would let parents "trigger" a turnaround plan for failing schools would cause disputes and dissension in Florida...

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### [J.D. Alexander, Denise Grimsley Reach Budget Compromise](#)

(Sunshine State News © 03/06/2012)

The legislative session is now on track to be completed on time Friday. The House agreed Monday to a Senate plan to create a 12th state university, while the Senate settled on the House proposal on how to draw \$300 million from the other 11. The agreements were among the final pieces of the approximately \$70 billion state spending plan. A complete fiscal plan will be fully unveiled Tuesday morni...

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### [Dont pull the trigger on this bill](#)

(Tampa Bay Online © 03/06/2012)

There are many examples of misguided public policy, but the best one — well, worst actually — might be the grandly named "parent trigger" bill being debated in the Florida Legislature. On the surface, it sounds wonderful. The bill alleges to empower parents to essentially take over a failing school and chart its road to recovery. Power to the people, right? No one wants failing schools. But Melis...

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### [States biggest questions settled](#)

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### [Honor student puts spotlight on immigration](#)

(Tampa Tribune © 03/06/2012)

TAMPA – A Miami honor student and aspiring surgeon who faces deportation because her parents brought her here illegally at age 4 has put immigration policy, and Florida's U.S. Sens. Bill Nelson and Marco Rubio, in the headlines. The girl, Daniela Pelaez, is at the top of her class at North Miami High School, and she's already been admitted to the University of Florida but is ho...

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### [Higher ed agreement cements budget deal](#)

(WJXT Channel 4 Duval County © 03/06/2012)

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - House and Senate lawmakers agreed on a sweeping plan to create an independent Florida Polytechnic University and slash university spending by \$300 million, paving the way for an on-time ending to the legislative session. The agreement on higher education funding, and Senate Budget Chairman JD Alexander's insistence on writing the independent Florida Polytechnic ...

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Have a lovely day!

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