

SSTF colleagues,

Good Morning. This email provides updates on three items which have been discussed in recent SSTF meetings.

1. HB 1421 (aka SB 802): School Safety
 - a. The Legislature has now approved the School Safety bill in its final form and the bill has been ordered enrolled as of 03/03/2022. The bill will be transmitted to the Governor and is expected to be signed into law.
 - b. The text of the bill can be found at: <https://www.flsenate.gov/Session/Bill/2022/1421/BillText/er/PDF>
 - c. Highlights of the bill that may alter BCPS policies or practices and have been discussed in the SSTF include:
 - i. Modifying, and extending, the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Public Safety Commission <Lines 67-147>
 1. By having its primary purpose be to “monitor implementation of school safety legislation.” Previous language was “investigate system failures”.
 2. The Commission is also charged with reviewing, assessing, or evaluating reports, audits, compliance, policies, and other safety related practices and accountability processes.
 3. Extending the sunset date of the Commission from July 1, 2023 to July 1, 2026.
 - ii. Increasing the role and authority of the Commissioner of Education and Office of Safe Schools in the FL DOE.
 - iii. Implementing several requirements on districts and the DOE to provide incident related data to the FL DOE, law enforcement, and the public.
 - iv. Requiring the presence of local law enforcement “responsible for responding to the school” to be present and “directly involved” when a school conducts an active assailant drill. <Lines 247-289>
 - v. Requiring districts to certify, beginning July 1, 2023, that 80% or more of K-12 school staff have received youth mental health awareness and assistance training. <Lines 466-470>
 - d. State legislative staff analysis of the bill is attached.
2. Policy 1008 (Respect & Civility in the Workplace) will be discussed during the SBBC workshop tomorrow, March 8. The link to the proposed policy is at: https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/1268177/Policy_1008_Respect_and_Civility.pdf
3. Policy 2130 (BTAs) is anticipated to next go to the SBBC workshop on April 26, 2022. The proposed policy reviewed at the Feb. 18 workshop is at https://legistarweb-production.s3.amazonaws.com/uploads/attachment/pdf/1249838/Policy_2130-02-15-22_1_.pdf
4. MSD PSC Chair Gualtieri was interviewed by Jim DeFede on CBS 4's Facing South Florida on Feb. 27. The link is at <https://miami.cbslocal.com/2022/02/27/facing-south-florida-1-on-1-with-sheriff-bob-gualtieri/>
5. I am providing the content of the Friday, March 4th BCPS legislative update below the signature line. This will provide brief updates on other bills of note.

As a reminder, the remaining SSTF meeting dates are March 17 and March 31, both from 10-12 in the Multi-Purpose Room at Lauderdale Manors. Materials can be found at <https://www.browardschools.com/sstf>

Sincerely,
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From John Sullivan:

Board Members and Superintendent,

The Legislature held its eighth week of Session, February 28 - March 4, 2022. During the final days of Session, most Committees are no longer meeting; therefore, the majority of the items are being presented on the Floor. Since the Legislature has not been able to come to an agreement on the Education Budget, primarily due to the \$200 million penalty, the budget has been bumped to the main Appropriation Chairs. The Budget Conference is expected to continue throughout the weekend. The budget conference must end by Tuesday, March 8, 2022, to comply with the seventy-two hour "cooling off" period before a final vote on the budget is made.

HB 1421 - (School Safety) passed this week: This bill modifies both state-level oversight of school safety requirements and school district-level emergency response procedures. The bill increases school safety oversight and accountability in the event of non-compliance of school safety requirements by a school district (bill analysis is attached).

The following education bills of interest may pass during this Session:

HB 1467 - (Education) The bill would establish term limits for school board members; deleting a requirement that district school boards maintain a specified list on their websites; requiring certain meetings relating to instructional materials to be noticed and open to the public; revising requirements for the department relating to the development of training programs for the selection of materials used in schools and library media centers; revising district school board requirements for the selection and adoption of certain materials.

HB 1557 - (Parental Rights in Education) This bill is a continuation of last year's bill. The bill requires districts to provide more information to parents regarding their

student's educational experience. The bill would also limit discussions regarding LGBTQ+ issues in PreK-3 classrooms. If districts violate the provisions of this bill, parents may sue school districts for damages and legal fees. The bill has passed the House and will be presented on Monday, March 7th on the Senate Floor.

SB 758/HB 865 - (Charter Schools) The bill would establish a Charter School Review Commission within the Department of Education. The Commission would be authorized to sponsor charter schools.

SB 1048/ HB 1193 - (Student Assessments): The bill would transition from the FSA to a student progress monitoring system. Elements of the accountability system, such as school grades, student retention, promotion, and teacher evaluations, would remain in place; however, the bill would establish a baseline in the first year for future improvement ratings.