

Emergent Design & Development Inc.
Legislative Update
June 4, 2008

Our last Legislative Update indicated that 37 Legislators were not returning because they were term limited. This is approximately 25% of the total Legislative delegation.

Upon further study we found that an even higher percentage of School Superintendents were not returning. We have compiled a list of the **19 districts** that will definitely have a new superintendent in the 2008-09 school year. There will be additions to this list after the November elections. We expect additional changes as the result of opportunities open to appointed superintendents and the possibility that several elected Superintendents could be defeated and replaced before January.

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>ENROLLMENT</u>	<u>APPOINTED</u>	<u>ELECTED</u>	<u>REPLACEMENT</u>
Pinellas	103,581	*		Julie Janssen (int.)
Osceola	46,646	*		search
Sarasota	39,243	*		Lori White
Escambia	39,000		*	
Lake	38,103	*		Susan Moxley
Clay	35,605		*	
Santa Rosa	24,696		*	
Martin	17,336		*	
Hendry	7,226		*	
Levy	5,861		*	
Suwannee	5,768		*	
Baker	4,800		*	
Washington	3,557		*	
Bradford	3,352		*	
Taylor	3,032		*	
Gilchrist	2,757		*	
Dixie	2,098		*	
Liberty	1,290		*	
Franklin	905		*	
TOTAL	423,996			

Update On 2008 Session Legislation

The following bills have been signed by the Governor and **will** become law.

- HB 251 ROTC Training Programs
- SB 1070 Intergovernmental Cooperation
- SB 610 Physical Education
- HB 7097 Fund B Surplus Funds Trust Fund/SBA

The following bills have been received by the Governor's office and he has until June 14th to act upon them.

HB 003	Children's Zones
HB 669	Anti-Bullying
HB 697	School Safety
HB 1395	Council on Black Men and Boys
HB 5083	Education Train (Class Size Relief, Red. in IB, AICE, AP Weights, School Board Budget Flexibility, National Board Certification)
HB 7067	Virtual Instruction Programs

Budget

The Governor has received the budget and the implementing legislation. We believe that his staff has analyzed it so he is ready to act quickly. He has until the 14th of June, to sign the budget. I expect several line-item vetoes, however, most of the budget will remain intact.

Links You May Find Interesting:

The following web sites have interesting information for educators:

<http://www.edutopia.org/readers-survey-2008> (Best in education)

<http://www.edutopia.org/technology-math-education> (How technology can help save Math.)

<http://www.gis.com/> (Explore Your World and Community Profile)

http://blogs.tampabay.com/buzz/files/060308_fl_gov_bp.doc (Polling Results)

<http://www.floridataxwatch.org/resources/pdf/2008TurkeysPressRelease.pdf>
(Taxwatch Turkey List veto recommendations)