

EDUCATION INITIATIVES

From Students & Parents to Teacher Development, Supporting Reforms Helps Florida's Future



Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart discusses the importance of improving Florida's education system at the Florida Chamber Foundation's Education Summit.

"Commissioner Pam Stewart's personal experience with Florida's A-F system is an inspiration to all of us and proof that it needs to stay."

MARK WILSON
President and CEO
Florida Chamber of Commerce

Why It Matters to Florida

One of the most common concerns we hear from businesses of all sizes is the need for a qualified workforce and highly-trained talent pool. The Florida Chamber believes a talented workforce is Florida's best long-term economic development strategy. From early learning to lifelong learning, Florida wins when we match business needs with talent. While the teachers' union continues to put their interests before Florida's students, the Florida Chamber will continue to fight for students and champion Florida's entire education system — especially Florida's future workforce.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

▶ Early Learning

At the Florida Chamber, we recognize that education is not a one-size-fits-all solution. We will continue to ensure parents, students and teachers are equipped with the best educational options for success.

▶ Championing School Choice Options and Competition

Consider this: today's kindergarten class will be entering the workforce in 2030. Will these students be prepared? Quality early learning opportunities and reading programs can help turn today's youngest learners into tomorrow's high-wage earners.

▶ Empowering Florida's Best Teachers

To ensure America's best teachers train and remain in Florida, the Florida Chamber will continue to champion additional professional development and benefit options for Florida's teachers.

▶ Investing in Digital and Virtual Education Technology

Creating a talent pool that can meet the needs of businesses means investing in technology initiatives throughout Florida's educational systems that fuel options and innovations.

The Fight for Free Enterprise Continues

Florida competition is no longer Georgia or California, but Brazil, India and China. And while reforms continue to move Florida in the right direction our fight is far from over. From championing early learning initiatives to supporting a K-12 system that allows students to succeed, Florida wins when we place the needs of our students before the needs of special interests.

ACT NOW:

A highly-educated workforce drives future private-sector job growth. Be a part of the Florida Chamber Foundation's Business Alliance for Early Learning and help us invest in the future of Florida's students.



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