

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

A talented workforce is Florida's best long-term economic strategy. The Florida Chamber believes a quality education system is the best way to ensure our students can compete in a global economy. We will continue to fight for an education system which also creates an atmosphere that allows parents to take control of their child's academic future while supporting the growth of quality teachers.

Florida's Competitiveness Agenda

▶ **Championing School Choice Options**

Empowering parents to take the lead on choosing the best learning environment for their children gives students more opportunities for success and promotes competition, which encourages continual improvements to Florida's education system.

▶ **Advocating for Rigorous Accountability Standards**

Continuing to support assessment and accountability systems at all levels of Florida's education system will help ensure a globally competitive talent pipeline.

▶ **Improving Professional Development Options for Teachers**

Fighting to improve professional development and benefit options for Florida's teachers will create opportunities for America's best teachers to train and remain in Florida, while helping our state remain competitive.

▶ **Investing in Digital and Virtual Education**

Expanding the use of cost-effective digital learning and virtual education tools throughout Florida's education system will ensure Florida's talent pipeline remains able to compete globally.

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 unions.

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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