

CCEA Representative Assembly

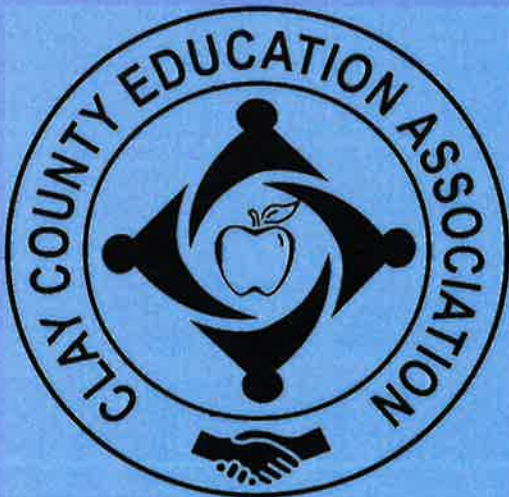
AGENDA

February 28, 2019

4:45PM

Orange Park Junior

- Presentation – Valic
- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of January Meeting Minutes
- President's Report
 - Monthly Status
- SUD's Report/Training
- Treasurer's Report- Budget Motion
- Legislative Making Signs – Cheryl Brown
- Bargaining Information
- New Business
- Adjournment





10 MINUTE MEETING



Educators to Legislature: Fund Our Schools, Fund Our Students, *Fund Our Future!* Join us on Monday, March 4th

The 2019 Legislative Session begins in Tallahassee on Tuesday, March 5th. **On Monday, March 4th**, education stakeholders and community partners are engaging in a statewide collective action to urge the governor and Legislature to **fund our schools, fund our students, *Fund Our Future!*** In every county, local unions are organizing events, including sign waving, informational pickets, leafleting and letter writing.

What is Fund our Future Florida?

All of Florida's children-*every one of them*- deserve an outstanding education, from early childhood through college.

FEA is running an intensive multi-faceted campaign to advocate for the needs of public education called Fund Our Future Florida.

Why we must act now:

We are at a crisis point and too many of our children – ***Florida's future*** – are not receiving the educational opportunities promised to them.

Even though costs and demands have risen, our state invests less per student now than before the recession of 2007. At the same time, the Legislature has restricted how much money school districts could raise to support our local schools. This one-two punch leaves too many school districts struggling to meet the need.

- The systematic drain of funds from our public schools to private, unaccountable charter management companies ***must end.***
- The burdens that have driven educators from the profession and created an unprecedented teacher shortage ***must be lifted.***
- The protections stripped from educators that allowed them to advocate for their students without fear of reprisal ***must be restored.***

The Facts:

- Florida ranks 42nd in total education spending per pupil *and* 51st in public school revenue for every \$1,000 of in-state personal income. In other words, no other state collects less to support public schools than Florida – even though Florida has the 7th largest economy in the country!
- Student performance is among the best in the nation, yet Florida ranks 45th in teacher salaries and 47th in pay for education staff professionals.
- Florida's average teacher salary is over \$10,000 less than the national average. Average salaries are \$8,000 higher in Georgia and \$3,000 higher in Alabama.
- No wonder Florida started this school year with more than 4,000 teacher vacancies statewide – *and DOE projects over 10,000 teacher vacancies at the end of this school year.*

Who: All supporters of public education

What: Sign Waving in Support of Public Schools

When: March 4th 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Where: Wells & Blanding – Park in old Toys R Us lot