



ACTION ALERT

The following is a quick update on our grassroots efforts regarding our opposition to Amendment 5. Please check the FASA website at <http://www.fasa.net/Political-Action.cfm> for additional information as it becomes available. On FASA's website <http://www.fasa.net/Political-Action.cfm> you will find Talking Points, FASA's new "Protect Our Public Schools" PAC and the informative Powerpoint presentation Supt. Joe Joyner made at last week's FASA Budget Crisis Conference.

Amendment 5 debates:

Many of you have asked about the details for the debates that are being hosted by Senator Haridopolos, who is leading the opposition to Amendment 5 in the legislature. You can help by getting the information below to as many educators as possible and by attending the debates in your area. Here is a link to his website that includes all of the debate dates, times and locations: <http://www.protectfloridasfuture.com/index.php/go/debates>. Below is a list of the exact rooms for each of the debates:

Mon. 7/28 1 p.m.
Edison Community College
Taeni Hall, Building S, Rm. 117
8099 College Pkwy. Ft. Myers

Tues. 7/29 1 p.m.
Valencia Community College
West Campus, Health Services Bldg., Rm. 105
1800 S. Kirkman Rd. Orlando

Mon. 8/4 1 p.m.
FL Community College at Jacksonville
Advanced Technology Center, Rm. T-140
401 W. State St. Jacksonville

Wed. 8/6 1 p.m.
Santa Fe Community College
Health Sciences Bldg., Rm. 108
3000 NW 83rd St. Gainesville

Thurs. 8/7 1:30 p.m.
St. Petersburg College
Seminole Campus Digitorium
9200 113th St. N, Seminole

Mon. 8/11 1 p.m.
Miami-Dade College
ETCOTA Auditorium, Rm. 7128
300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami

Tues. 8/12 1 p.m.
Indian River State College
Rm. V-110, Auditorium, Kight Center for Emerging Technologies
3209 Virginia Ave. Ft. Pierce

Wed. 8/13 1 p.m.
Gulf Coast Community College
Sarzin Lecture Hall, Language Building
5230 W. Hwy 98, Panama City

Mon. 8/18 1 p.m.
Tallahassee Community College
Cntr for Economic and Workforce Development, Bldg. 38, Rm 105
444 Appleyard Dr Tallahassee

Quick facts on the debates:

- * Sen. Haridopolos has invited John McKay (key proponent of A-5) to participate in a full and transparent public discussion about the effects of Amendment 5.
- * The debates will be moderated and likely covered by both TV and print media.
- * Attendees can submit questions about Amendment 5 during the debate for the moderator to ask Sen. Haridopolos and/or Mr. McKay.

Key talking points on Amendment 5:

If you plan to attend these debates, you will likely see both print and TV

media coverage in the room. In the event you are approached by a member of the press or would like to comment on why your organization is opposed to Amendment 5, we encourage you to focus on the following key points and to consult the FASA website at <http://www.fasa.net/Political-Action.cfm> for more detailed talking points:

- 1) Negative impact Amendment 5 will have on Florida's educational system;
- 2) Economic instability and uncertainty that Amendment 5 will create;
- 3) Potential for the creation of a services tax to fill the \$9.5 to \$11 billion revenue hole created by Amendment 5; and
- 4) Voters should be informed that Amendment 5 is not pure property tax relief.....it's simply swapping one tax for another.

Remember... Cuts in Education Funding Never Heal!

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