

FOIL 2021 Spring Conference
Breakout Sessions Details

Session Title: Implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics

Presenters: Dr. Kathy Nobles, Bureau Chief of Standards and Instructional Support, and PJ Duncan, STEAM Director

Session Description: After a year focused on the dissemination of information about the B.E.S.T. Standards for Mathematics, the Bureau of Standards and Instructional Support has entered the next phase of the journey, implementation of the B.E.S.T. Standards. Participants of this session will learn how Implementation Science is driving the department's work to reach successful implementation in the 2022-23 school year. Participants will leave with a better understanding of what implementation should look like in their district as well as their role in this important work.

Session Title: Journey Through the B.E.S.T. (English Language Arts)

Presenters: Carey Sweet, Deputy Director, Just Read, Florida! and Cari Miller, Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement

Session Description: Join us on a journey through the new B.E.S.T. ELA Standards. In this session, we will explore the benchmarks, clarifications, and appendices. On the second leg of our journey, we will discuss and plan for successful implementation of the new B.E.S.T. Standards for ELA.

Session Title: Understanding Suicide Risk and Threat Assessments

Presenters: Brooks Rumenik, Deputy Director, Office of Safe Schools; Andrew Weatherill, Chief, Bureau of Student Support Services; and Jesus Aviles, School Psychology Consultant, Bureau of Student Support Services

Session Description: This session will cover the elements and purpose of a Suicide Risk Assessment and Threat Assessment. Participants will learn about prevention practices, obtain helpful resources, and learn what other districts are doing.

Session Title: Early Learning Update and What's Next?

Presenters: Shan Goff, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, and Melinda Webster, VPK Program Manager, Office of Early Learning

Session Description: Join staff from FDOE's Office of Early Learning to discuss and learn more about the COVID-19 impact on VPK enrollment, Florida's support to early learning amid the pandemic, kindergarten screening results and trends, areas of instruction that need more focus, and opportunities for training.

Session Title: Middle School Student Progression

Presenters: Andrew Weatherill, Chief, Bureau of Student Support Services; Victoria Gaitanis, Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education; and Damera Hopkins, School Counseling Consultant, Bureau of Student Support Services

Brief Session Description: This session will review elements of middle school progression and discuss strategies for working with overage students. Participants will obtain helpful resources and learn how districts are supporting this group of students.

Session Title: Exceptional Student Education Updates

Presenters: Victoria Gaitanis, Chief, and Dr. Erin Sampson, Deputy Chief, Bureau of Exceptional Student Education

Session Description: Topics of discussion will include 1% and the Alternate Assessment, legislative changes related to restraint and seclusion, and assessing the effectiveness of your ESE Programs using the 6 Key Practices.

Session Title: Florida's Literacy Landscape and Mission to Improve Literacy Outcomes for All

Presenters: Cari Miller, Vice Chancellor for Literacy Achievement, and Carey Sweet, Deputy Director, Just Read, Florida!

Session Description: Join FDOE literacy staff to discuss and learn about the essential actions that are taking place to improve literacy achievement statewide. This session will also include updates on any new literacy legislation.

Session Title: Turning Agony into Action – A father's journey to make schools safe after the Parkland shooting.

Presenter(s) Name/Title: Max Schachter, Safe Schools for Alex, Founder and Executive Director

Brief Session Description: Max Schachter is a national school safety advocate. His 14-year-old son Alex was one of the 17 innocent victims murdered in the Parkland school shooting on Valentine's Day 2018.

Since the heartbreaking day that changed Max's life forever, he has been fighting for policy change at the highest levels of the United States government. Max has also worked to make Florida's schools safer.

by serving as a commissioner on the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission formed by former Governor Rick Scott. Through Safe Schools For Alex, the 501(c)(3) he created to honor

Alex, Max provides the most current school safety leading practices to students, parents, school districts, and law enforcement so that all children can learn in a safe environment. During this presentation Max will demonstrate their latest initiative, the School Incident Report.

This free, user-friendly tool is the first statewide dashboard aimed at reducing violence and suspensions while also creating a positive culture and climate.