FLORIDA SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY CONFERENCE AND COLLABORATIVE EXPO

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FLORIDA SCHOOL SAFETY SPECIALISTS ASSOCIATION

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Welcome to the 2026 Florida School Safety & Security Conference & Collaborative Expo.

In collaboration with the Florida Department of Education, this year's Conference continues our shared mission of strengthening prevention, preparedness, and response efforts across Florida's K-12 school communities. Together, we remain focused on keeping school safety at the center of every conversation, every strategy, and every partnership.

Over the next several days, you'll have opportunities to engage with professionals from across the state who understand both the challenges and responsibilities that come with this work. We encourage you to fully embrace the collaborative nature of this event by building new connections, sharing ideas, and learning from colleagues and experts who are equally committed to protecting students and staff.

We also invite you to spend meaningful time in the Collaborative Expo. The organizations and vendors participating this year are proud supporters of school safety and student well-being. Your engagement with them helps strengthen these partnerships and supports the continued growth of our Association.

Throughout the Conference, we hope you discover new strategies, gain valuable insight, and leave with practical ideas you can carry back to your district. Most importantly, we hope this experience reinforces the importance of working together to create safe, supportive, and resilient learning environments for all students and staff.

The FS3 Board of Officers is honored to serve alongside you and remains available throughout the event should you need assistance or simply wish to connect.

Thank you for being here and for your commitment to advancing school safety across Florida. Together we will lead the nation regarding school safety. FS3 remains committed to listening to all our members and supporting you in this important profession.

Thank you for your attendance,

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TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am	**REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**	**Regency P-Q**
8:00 am – 8:30 am	**Welcome and Introductions** *Senator Bill Montford, Chief Executive Officer, FS3* *John Hunkiar, Executive Director, FS3* *State Executives*	**Regency T-V**
8:30 am – 10:00 am	**AI Keynote** *Dr. Angela Long, Chief Engagement Officer, Office of the President, Tallahassee State College*	**Regency T-V**
10:00 am – 10:30 am	**BREAK AND TRANSITION**	

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

	Cracking the Code: Effective Interviewing for Threat Management *This intensive training session explores the role of interviewing in school-based threat assessment case studies and best practices. Participants will learn key interviewing strategies, practice real-world scenarios, and strengthen rapport-building and questioning techniques through structured role-play exercises.* ***Presenters:*** *Michael Kelleher, Supervisor, Clinical Care, Mental Health Team, Hillsborough County School District* *Lillian Perez, District Threat Management Coordinator, Hillsborough County School District* *Katey Bellwood, Mental Health Coordinator, Hillsborough County School District*	**Barrel Spring**
	Active Threat Training – *Required Training for School Safety Specialists* *This session provides comprehensive, scenario-based training designed to strengthen prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts related to active threat incidents in K–12 school environments.* ***Presenters:*** *Mike Sconza, Director of Statewide Compliance, FLDOE* *Angie Chesser, Deputy Director, FLDOE*	**Silver Spring**
	Information Sharing *This breakout session explores information sharing across districts, including what can legally be shared with DCF and DJJ. Participants will gain clarity on parent and guardian rights, Baker Act considerations, and communication protocols surrounding sensitive situations. Attendees will leave with a stronger understanding of how to balance legal requirements, transparency, and student safety.* ***Presenters:*** *Brian Moore, General Counsel, FADSS* *Meagan Logan, Partner, Rumberger, Kirk and Caldwell P.A.*	**Blue Spring**
	Aligned for Impact: Coordinating Safety and Mental Health in Reunification Planning *This session explores how emergency management protocols can align with student mental health supports during reunification planning. Participants will walk through a mock reunification scenario demonstrating coordinated safety and mental health response efforts. The session will also review a state-developed reunification toolkit designed to support consistent, trauma-informed district practices.* ***Presenters:*** *Julie Collins, Office of Safe Schools, FLDOE* *Charlie Morse, School Safety Specialist, Walton County School District* *Sharon Wheeless, Mental Health Coordinator, Walton County School District* *Taquria Thompson, Student Support Services Consultant, FLDOE*	**Manatee Spring 1**

	Leveraging Functional Assessment Tools to Improve Outcomes for Students with Mental Health Challenges *This session provides an overview of recent Florida Department of Education legislative updates impacting school-based mental health screening and early identification practices. Participants will gain clarity on state requirements, approved assessment tools, and implementation expectations. A featured district will demonstrate how screening data can strengthen student support systems, improve referral pathways, and drive measurable outcomes.* ***Presenters:*** *Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services, FLDOE* *Patricia Strickland, Assistant Director, Student Support Services, FLDOE* *Chana Speir, Mental Health Coordinator, Brevard County School District* *Jayna Jenkins, Director, Brevard County School District*	**Manatee Spring 2**
	Prevention by Design: Advancing Student Support Through Suicide Prevention Certified Schools *This session challenges participants to view the Suicide Prevention Certified Schools designation as the foundation of a comprehensive prevention framework rather than a one-time designation. Presenters will review statewide data trends, certification requirements, and districtwide training completion rates. Participants will also explore measurable district impacts, including reduced referral rates and strengthened postvention practices.* ***Presenters:*** *Mirtha Santisi, School Psychology Consultant, FLDOE* *Beverley Wilks, LCSW, School Social Work Consultant, FLDOE*	**Rainbow Spring**
	Florida Safe Schools Assessment Tool (FSSAT) ***Presenters:*** *Doug Pasley, Secure Passage* *Spencer Hawkins, Secure Passage* *Amy Parish, Secure Passage* *Mont Grunthal, Secure Passage*	**Coral Spring**
12:00 pm – 1:30 pm	**LUNCH AND FS3 SAFETY AND SECURITY COLLABORATIVE EXPO**	**Regency P-Q**

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO | 1:30 pm – 2:45 pm

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	Child Exploitation by Sexual Predators Using Electronic Devices *A powerful session exploring the evolving landscape of crimes against children, including human trafficking, online exploitation, and sextortion, with a clear look at how these threats intersect with the school environment.* ***Presenters:*** *Michelle Langer, Special Agent, FBI* *Michelle Thorne, Victim Specialist, FBI*	**Blue Spring**

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2:45 pm – 3:00 pm	**BREAK AND TRANSITION**	
3:00 pm – 4:00 pm	**Two Leaders. One Safety Standard: A Superintendent–Sheriff Blueprint** *This session brings together Superintendents and Sheriffs to discuss the shared responsibility of creating and maintaining strong school safety standards. Panelists will highlight real-world examples of collaboration, communication, and coordinated response efforts between school districts and law enforcement agencies. Participants will gain practical insight into building unified partnerships that strengthen campus safety and community trust.* ***Presenters:*** *Brennan Asplen, Superintendent, St. Johns County School District* *Robert Hardwick, Sheriff, St. Johns County* *Dr. Danielle Brewer, Superintendent Marion County School District* *Billy Woods, Sheriff, Marion County* *Fred Heid, Superintendent Polk County School District* *Major Jill Seymour, Polk County Sheriff's Office* ***Facilitator:*** *Mark McQueen, Superintendent, Bay County School District*	**Regency T-V**
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm	**FINAL CONNECTIONS RECEPTION AND RAFFLE**	**Regency R-S**

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am	BREAKFAST	Regency O-P
8:00 am – 8:15 am	**Agenda Review/Preview** *Mike Baumaister, Chief, Safety & Security, Pasco County School District and President, FS3*	**Regency T-V**
8:15 am – 9:30 am	**Office of Safe Schools Session 1: The Founding Fathers of School Safety** *Office of Safe Schools Staff*	**Regency T-V**
8:15 am – 9:30 am	**Student Support Services Update – Mental Health** *Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Staff*	**Barrel Spring**
9:30 am – 10:00 am	**BREAK AND TRANSITION**	

BREAKOUT SESSION THREE | 10:00 am – 11:30 am

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	Online Exploitation in Today's Environment (764 Presentation) *FBI Tampa will be presenting on an emerging threat targeting our youth and most vulnerable populations. During the presentation we will discuss what is commonly referred to "764" and online exploitation. This will include an overview of the victimization cycle, warning indicators, and public resources available to report potential victimization.* ***Presenter:*** *Katie Hill, Supervisory Special Agent, FBI Tampa Field Office*	**Barrel Spring**
	Reunification *This interactive breakout session walks participants through a reunification tabletop exercise using real-world scenarios. Attendees will strengthen coordination, communication, and decision-making during critical incidents through hands-on activities. The session will also include updates from the Florida Department of Education, Office of Safe Schools on current reunification guidance and expectations.* ***Presenters:*** *Julie Collins, Office of Safe Schools, FLDOE* *Daniel White, Domestic Security Planner, FDLE* *Tim Trowbridge, Logistics Chief-Emergency Management, Santa Rosa County*	**Blue Spring**
	Safe Caring and Planning for Students with Disabilities *This session explores how districts can distinguish between behavioral misconduct and underlying mental health or ESE-related needs using structured, data-informed decision-making frameworks. Presenters will discuss strategies for aligning discipline policies with mental health and ESE guidance while reducing disproportionality across student groups. Participants will also examine how behavioral threat assessment processes can be integrated with individualized, compliant student support services.* ***Presenters:*** *Patricia Strickland, Assistant Director of Student Services, FLDOE* *Taquria Thompson, Consultant, Student Support Services, FLDOE* *Marianne Driver, Emotional Behavioral Disabilities Lead, FLDOE*	**Manatee Spring 1**

	Blueprints for Impact: Mental Health Allocation Assistance Program *This session highlights exemplary components of effective district mental health programs supported through the Mental Health Allocation Assistance Program. The Florida Department of Education will outline core program elements linked to strong implementation and positive outcomes. District representatives will share scalable, adaptable approaches used to support student mental health across diverse communities.* ***Presenters:*** *Kim Brumage, School Counseling Consultant, FLDOE* *Mirtha Santisi, School Psychology Consultant, FLDOE* *Katrina Taylor, Mental Health Coordinator, Duval County School District* *Vicki Koller, School Social Work Managing Officer, Pinellas County School District*	**Manatee Spring 2**
	Accountability in Action: Demonstrating Outcomes That Drive Sustainability *This session examines how mental health allocations are evaluated through outcome data, expenditure patterns, staffing models, and student impact indicators. Presenters will discuss strategies for connecting expenditures to measurable student outcomes, identifying effective staffing models, and ensuring funds are aligned with district needs. The session will also review the Mental Health Outcome and Expenditure Report along with key statutory requirements related to compliance and sustainability.* ***Presenters:*** *Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Senior Director, Student Support Services, FLDOE* *Beverley Wilks, LCSW, School Social Work Consultant, FLDOE*	**Rainbow Spring**
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11:30 am – 1:00 pm	**LUNCH**	**Regency O-P**
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	**Office of Safe Schools Session 2: Connecting the Dots on School Safety** *Office of Safe Schools Staff*	**Regency T-V**
1:00 pm – 2:15 pm	**Student Support Services Update – Mental Health** *Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services Staff*	**Barrel Spring**
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	Higher Ed Collaborative *This session brings together K-12 and higher education leaders to discuss emerging safety, security, and threat management challenges across Florida's educational continuum. Participants will explore opportunities for collaboration, information sharing, and coordinated response efforts that strengthen safety from Pre-K through postsecondary education.* ***Presenters:*** *Darren Norris, Associate Vice President, Safety Security and Risk Management, Lake Sumter State College* *Paul Peebles, Chief of Campus Safety & Security, Pasco-Hernando State College*	**Silver Spring**

	Transportation on the Front Line *School buses transport millions of students each day, yet they are often overlooked in safety planning. Using the Alabama bus kidnapping as a case study, this session examines how transportation incidents escalate and how school officials and law enforcement must respond. Attendees will leave with strategies for improving reporting protocols, driver training, and coordinated response efforts.* ***Presenters:*** *Kyle Vowinkel, Elite Mindsets* *Charlie Morse, School Safety Specialist, Walton County School District* *Troy Ferguson, Lieutenant, Pasco County Sheriff's Office* *Doug Powell, School Safety Specialist, Jackson County School District*	**Barrel Spring**
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THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2026

7:00 am – 8:00 am	BREAKFAST	Regency O-P
8:00 am – 8:15 am	**Agenda Review/Preview and Size A-Like Instructions** *Marc MacDonald, Administrative Supervisor, District Safety & Security, Collier County School District and Vice President, FS3*	**Regency T-V**

BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE | 8:15 am – 10:00 am

	Size A-Like | All Membership | Small Districts ***Closed Session*** ***Facilitators:*** *Charlie Morse, Walton County School District* *Julie Collins, Office of Safe Schools, FLDOE* *Mirtha Brennan, Ed.S., Student Support Services, FLDOE* *Taquria Thompson, Student Support Services, FLDOE*		**Blue Spring**
	Size A-Like | All Membership | Medium Districts ***Closed Session*** ***Facilitators:*** *Dennis McFatten, Marion County School District* *Mike Strausbaugh, St. Johns County School District* *Kelly Martin, Seminole County School District* *Angie Chesser, OSS, FLDOE* *Beverley Wilks, Student Services, FLDOE* *Patricia Strickland, Student Support Services, FLDOE*		**Manatee Spring**
	Size A-Like | All Membership | Large Districts ***Closed Session*** ***Facilitators:*** *Marc MacDonald, Collier County School District* *Corina Putt, Miami-Dade County School District* *Vanessa Snow, Palm Beach County School District* *Mike Baumaister, Pasco County School District* *Tim Hay, Office of Safe Schools, FLDOE* *Dr. Andrew Weatherill, Student Support Services, FLDOE*		**Silver Spring**

10:00 am - 10:30 am	BREAK AND TRANSITION	
10:30 am – 11:30 am	**Closing Keynote**	**Regency T-V**
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	**Evaluation and Closing Remarks** *John Hunkiar, Executive Director, FS3*	**Regency T-V**

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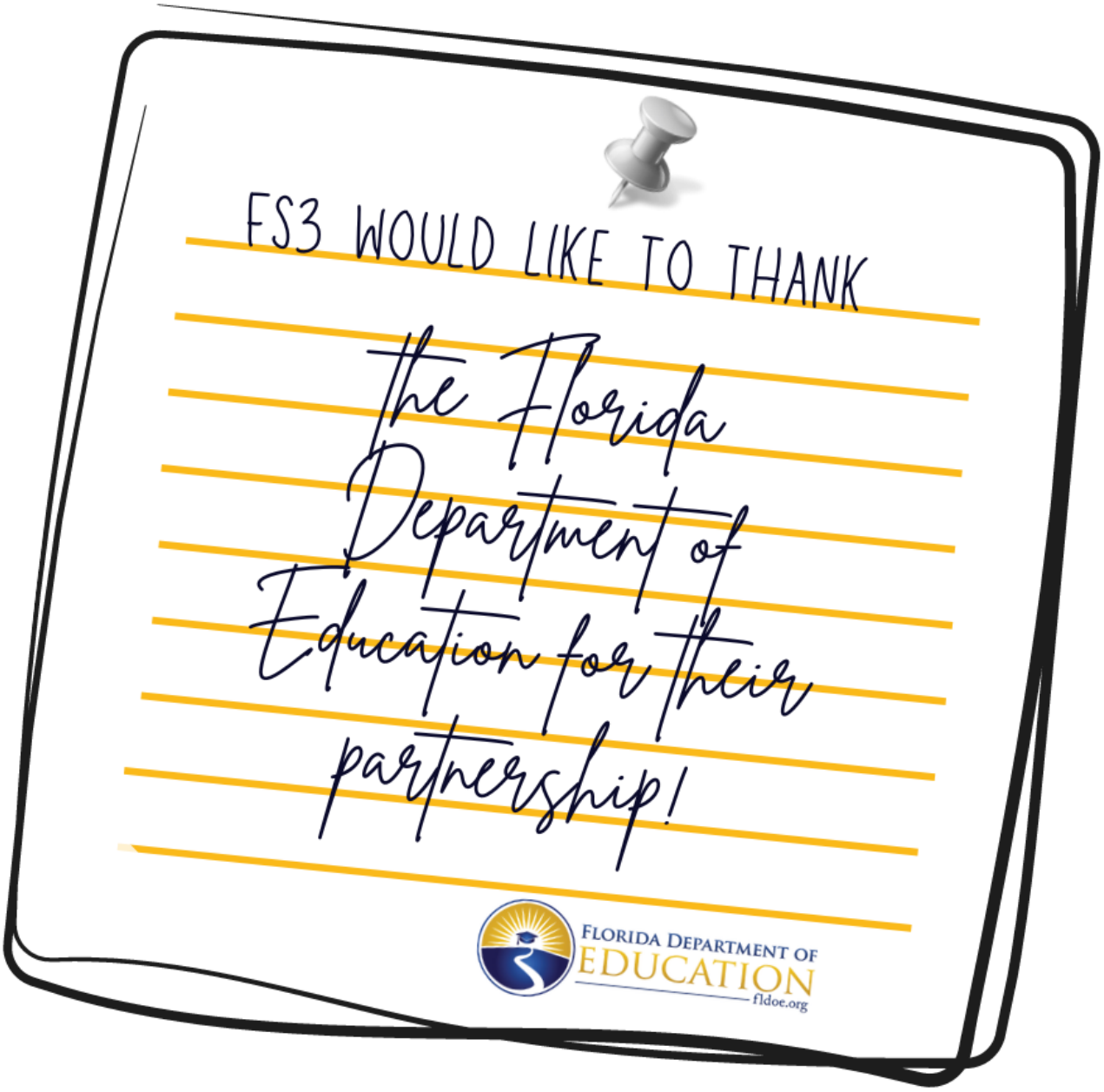
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