



# QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

## TOP STORIES



Issues and Equality  
Race



MyPeers  
Community



Florida Legislative  
Updates

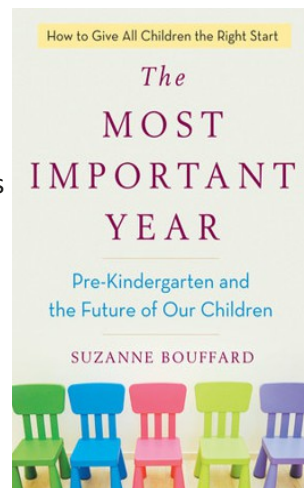


Site Visits from the  
Collab Office

## THE WEIGHTED TASK OF PRE-K TEACHING

Issues in equity and race are of great significance to the field of education and more research emerges that proves inequalities in classrooms and schools must be addressed. These inequalities can take shape in many different ways and are often never detected until the issues are highlighted by an outside source.

In the article, *The Weight Task of Pre-K Teaching*, Susanne Bouffard, author, describes the inequities in preschool classrooms and the glaring differences in educational practices between low and high socio-economic students. Bouffard states, "There were programs in poor neighborhoods where children delighted in learning vocabulary from field trips to historical sites, and classrooms in affluent places that were fancier than some colleges. The programs that left me with the starkest impression were those that used a strict, basics-only approach, where teachers lectured at children and the children parroted back what they said. These programs are more common in low-income neighborhoods than they are in more-affluent ones, according to research and my own reporting." This article is an excellent resource for helping you begin to have the conversation about equity in your setting.



Access the full article and use it to help inform instructional practices for all children!

<https://www.theatlantic.com/education/archive/2017/09/the-weighted-task-of-pre-k-teaching/538752/>



## MYPEERS INFORMATION SHARING

The HSCO and the FHSA encourages all HS/EHS staff to sign up for the myPeers information sharing platform. Click the link to sign up! <http://www.123formbuilder.com/form-2230355/My-Peers>

After you register and receive the login email, sign on and join us in the **FL HS-EHS Community!**

## LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

House Bill (HB) 1091 and 7055 have introduced significant changes to School Readiness and VPK. See below highlights from each bill.

### Highlights of HB 1091 (SR)

- Program assessment
- Minimum quality thresholds for contracting and improving plans
- Child assessment (including ability for parent to monitor child's development in statewide system)
- Differential payments
- Local eligibility priorities based on needs of community

### Highlights of HB 7055 (SR and VPK)

- Coalition may refuse to contract with provider cited with a Class I violation
- Coalition may revoke a provider's eligibility to deliver school readiness and VPK

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR INPUT IN RULE MAKING PROCESS

**Rule 6M-9.115** Procedures and Criteria for Approval of the SR Plans

**Rule 6M-4.500** Child Attendance and Provider Reimbursements

**Rule 6M-4.620** Health and Safety Checklists and Inspections

**Rule 6M-8.301** Standard Statewide Provider Contract for the VPK Program

**Rule 6M-4.740** Program Assessment Rule **NEW**

**Rule 6M-4.XXX** Program Assessment Minimum Threshold Rule **NEW**

**Rule 6M-4.610** Statewide Provider Contract for the SR Program Quality Improvement Plans

**Rule 6M-4.630** Statewide Provider Contract Monitoring Tool for the SR Program

## UPCOMING EVENT:

### ONE GOAL SUMMER CONFERENCE

July 18-20, 2018

Tampa, FL

Visit the website at [www.onegoalsummerconference.org](http://www.onegoalsummerconference.org) to register and book your hotel room by July 6, 2018! On-site registration will be available.

## Sign up to be notified for upcoming rule workshops and hearings.

[http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/statewide\\_initiatives/laws\\_and\\_rules/proposed\\_rules.aspx](http://www.floridaearlylearning.com/statewide_initiatives/laws_and_rules/proposed_rules.aspx)

## SITE VISITS

The HSSCO Director had the privilege of visiting a few awesome HS/EHS programs in the second quarter!

**Kids Incorporated of the Big Bend (EHS classes), Brevard County Public Schools (Dental Health Initiative), Community Action and Human Services Department of Miami-Dade (Mental Health Day), ELC of Broward, and ELC of Volusia-Flagler.**



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