

# WCSP BULLETIN

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

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Greetings everyone! This is your President wanting to touch base with everyone. Due to sickness and Covid it's been since Christmas that I have seen many of you.

Michael Petty and I have been to FHS to visit and recruit potential members. It was great seeing you there. We are going to try to make some of the other schools in our district. Please be looking for us and come see us.

We have worked on an MOU recently that will give our ESP's the opportunity if they would like to drive a bus pay has been increased to \$16.50 per hour. There is such a driver shortage we are trying to help give any opportunity for anyone to help.

Our focus for next year's

bargaining will focus on clerical wages and duties. We hope to receive in writing all the help and data we need to implement our needs for our proposals.

Our last General meeting approached chain of command and who to report to in transportation and in general with students. Transportation routing manager for routing issues only. All other issues report directly to Dennis Grey. As a general rule of thumb to all ESP's report to Administrator at your job site.

A bus driver rotation list for coverage in Freeport that was created by Transportation and enforced by Mr. Grey. WCSP *did not* approve this rotation.

In our times now it is hard to retain employees. Please let us try to help you with hard times before you make any departure decisions.

Remember our website is [waltoncsp.org](http://waltoncsp.org) and our zoom meetings are the 4th Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm on our link we send out. Please send contact info such as email and phone to [lisa.williams@floridaea.org](mailto:lisa.williams@floridaea.org).

In Solidarity,

Victoria Wilkerson



WCSP  
STRONG!

Stay Positive

Work Hard

Make It Happen!

## OFFICER AND DELEGATE RESULTS BY ACCLIMATION

Melinda Goodson is the Vice President by acclimation for the term of 2022-2024. Melinda will also represent WCSP, along with Victoria at the FEA Delegate Assembly in October.

*Congratulations Melinda!*

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## General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

### Membership Meeting Link/Call Information

<https://floridaea.zoom.us/j/97774763955>

or dial in by phone 1-301-715-8592 and use

Meeting ID 97774763955

## Brief Summary of the 2022 Legislative Session

### Educator Friendly Bills That Passed:

One has provided funding to help raise support staff salaries to \$15 per hour. Since are already above this minimum hourly rate, so will be in a good position to negotiate salary this next year.

### Educational Bill We Stopped:

Our union dues may come out of our paychecks directly. We defeated the bill that would have taken this option away from educational unions and given districts control of our recertification application as well as creating unreasonable roadblocks to this process. The bill's intent was clearly to kill support staff and teacher educational unions. As a reminder, without a union there is no Collective Bargaining Agreement, "the contract," and due process as well as other rights would have been no longer assured.

### Non-Educator Friendly Bills That Passed:

The testing bill actually added testing to our plates and did not do as promised and decrease it.

Parents may now sue school districts if they think the school is making their children uncomfortable by teaching sensitive subjects. Rules for how this law will be applied have not yet been released.

Parents may now sue teachers because the parents do not like a book that is being used or disagree with the content of a specific course. Rules for how this law will be applied have not yet been released.

Any person may object to and request a ban of materials/books used in curriculum or in school media centers/libraries. Rules for how this law will be applied have not yet been released.