

The 2016 Legislative Session has closed and with its closing comes many changes for Public Education. From a budgetary perspective, to online learning choices, parental and student rights, and more. A recent article from The Tampa Bay Tribune wraps up this legislative session and education in a not so pretty package. *See the attachment.* I've included a link below to HB 7029. It is a widely sweeping bill that will greatly affect Public Education in Florida.

HB 7029

<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Bills/billsdetail.aspx?BillId=55816>

There has been a greater movement towards parent and student choices in meeting student educational needs. Online schools/courses and charter schools are on the rise. Teacher certification is becoming condensed as a national and statewide shortage of teachers becomes more apparent. Teacher retention comes in the form of the Best and Brightest awards. The face of public brick and mortar education is changing and as educators we must learn to change with it.

In a nutshell-we took a major hit. School to home and back to school engagement is imperative. Technology plays a greater role in our classrooms. Electing representatives who are pro public education in the true sense of the word. Public Education is not stagnant rather it is unsupported. Imagine the possibilities with legislative and financial support.

Listed below is an important link that will keep you up to date on local, state, and national offices:

Supervisor of Elections SRC <http://www.votesantarosa.com/>

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