



## January Dates

- 1st New Years Day
- 4th Teacher Planning Day
- 12th Executive Board Meeting 4:15 PM
- 19th AR Meeting 4:15 PM Candidate Q&A to follow
- 21st School Board Meeting 9:00 AM

*If your actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more, and become more, you are a leader.*

John Quincy Adams, Jr.

## IMPORTANT LINKS

[SRCSB Members](#)

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[SRCSB Human Resources Manual](#)

[Florida Legislative Tracking](#)

[SRC Supervisor of Elections](#)

**Do you feel safe in your work environment?**

**Which precautions are being taken at your school?**

## State of the Union

### Welcome to the new year!

We've had two wonderful weeks to spend with families, loved ones and friends. We're refreshed and ready to continue the business of educating our students.

It was at the December 15th public meeting regarding student recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance that our local legislators, Senator Evers, Representatives Broxson and Hill presented proposed amendments to current statutes. These legislators anticipate that Governor Scott will sign the changes into law becoming effective July 1st, 2016. Superintendent Wyrosdick stated that he made the decision to post the signage in every classroom in which students are invited to recite the Pledge. These postings were part of an agreement made between Superintendent Wyrosdick and a concerned family. Superintendent Wryosdick reminded the public that he is a constitutional officer and is bound to uphold the law. Our school board members are also constitutional officers. A meeting attendee shared that our board members were not consulted nor had prior knowledge of Superintendent Wyrosdick's agreement. Our legislative panel stated that Santa Rosa County is the only school district in the state to post this invitation in such a fashion.

The Legislative Session begins and many important decisions will take place during this 60 day session. Decisions that will impact your profession from your classroom schedules (i.e 20 minute K-5 mandatory daily recess in addition to your mandatory P.E.), your certification, to the state budget to name a few. Education has always been a political platform for politicians. Many of us don't care for the politics, but unfortunately we can't turn our backs to it. Politics has made its way into our classrooms. We must keep ourselves informed and involved. Please take advantage of the sidebar tracking link to receive your daily email updates.

Your Political Action Committee has invited each candidate running for the Office of Superintendent to participate in our endorsement process. Once the mailed candidate questionnaire is returned to the SRPE office, your committee will conduct face to face interviews with participating candidates to determine our position. Our membership is invited to attend the February 16th meeting so that you too may ask your questions of the candidates. At the conclusion of this meeting, members are asked to vote on either accepting or declining your PAC's proposed position. It is important that members take part in this process as this local election has direct and immediate impact on your profession.

*In Unity*

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