

## HOT TOPICS & DATES

\* We are on the home stretch of Virtual Teaching. This is the one time I am speechless. Thank you for your dedication, compassion and will do make our students feel safe and loved in such a crazy time.  
*#WeAreProfessionals #Red4Ed*  
**Remember: Social Distancing Matters & Wash Your Hands..**

## LOCAL RESOURCES

[Escambiafea.org](http://Escambiafea.org)

[Escambia Education Association](http://Escambia Education Association)

[www.escambia-fl.schoolloop.com](http://www.escambia-fl.schoolloop.com)

[Epic Connections](http://Epic Connections)

[Feaweb.org](http://Feaweb.org)

[Facebook FEA](http://Facebook FEA)

[Nea.org](http://Nea.org)

[Aft.org](http://Aft.org)  
<https://www.aft.org/benefits/trauma>

## SPEAKING TRUTH TO POWER

See you on the other side of this very soon. We've Got This because "You Are Rock Stars". Thank you for all your hard work during this unprecedented time. It has not gone unnoticed.  
 – DONNA HARPER, EEA President

## EEA:

"UNIONS HAVE BEEN THE ONLY POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE VOICE WORKING PEOPLE HAVE EVERY HAD IN THE HISTORY OF THIS COUNTRY." – BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN

- \* PANDEMIC – PREVALENT THROUGHOUT AN ENTIRE COUNTRY, CONTINENT, OR THE WORLD
- \* PEDAGOGY – THE ART OR SCIENCE OF TEACHING; EDUCATION; INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS
- \* TEACHER – A PERSON WHO TEACHES OR INSTRUCTS FOR A GREATER PURPOSE
- \* LEADER – A GUIDING OR DIRECTING HEAD, AS OF A POLITICAL GROUP, A MOVEMENT
- \* UNION – A NUMBER OF PERSONS, STATES, ETC., JOINED OR ASSOCIATED TOGETHER FOR SOME COMMON PURPOSE
- \* **ESCAMBIA EDUCATION ASSOCIATION – ALL OF THE ABOVE**

## "WE'RE IN THIS TOGETHER"

The Commissioner of Education on May 13, 2020 issued a new Emergency Order 2020-02 which includes several key provisions that you have been advocating for. Most critical are these:

- All Temporary and Professional certificates that would have expired June 30, 2020 are extended to December 31, 2020 to allow teachers to complete certification courses and tests.
- Teachers may be placed out of field for intensive reading instruction through December 31, 2020 to allow teachers to complete their certification or endorsement. School districts have also been granted an extension of their Reading Plan submissions, which will allow our locals to advise districts of other models for delivering intensive reading that do not require so many elementary reading teachers.
- Districts have been granted flexibility for meeting deadlines for completing IEP/EPs and ELL student assessments and other documentation.
- In addition to those provisions, this order reaffirms that the requirement for annual teacher evaluations has been suspended.

Though the department of education did not go as far as we have asked, to extend the waivers through the end of the school year, this is a significant improvement over the previous one-month extension. This would not have happened without our leadership and our members' activism. Please keep us informed of what is going on in your school. Thank you for your continued advocacy for our profession and our students.