



Actions for YOU!



Actions	Details	Talking Points
1. Attend Meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> January 26th @ 6:00 Town Hall Meeting at Oviedo High School auditorium February 2nd @ 6:00pm Town Hall Meeting at Lake Brantley High School February 14th @ 1pm School Board Meeting at Educational Support Center, 400 East Lake Mary Blvd. February 16 @ 6pm Town Hall Meeting and Seminole High School 	<p>Town hall meetings are designed so that after a brief presentation there is a question and answer session where the audience can comment or ask questions of school board members.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Board members need to see that parents, staff and teachers are passionate about the school being on the list and want to be informed. Show your support by wearing blue and purple. Educated questions are welcome. Comments related to the board's analysis are helpful - ideally where there are gaps in the analysis.
2. Contact the School Board <i>FOCUS on saving Keeth!</i>	<p><u>School Board Members</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Almond: 407-320-0488 karen_almond@scps.k12.fl.us Diane Bauer: 407-320-0495 diane_bauer@scps.k12.fl.us Tina Calderone: 407-320-0489 tina_calderone@scps.k12.fl.us Sylvia Pond: 407-320-0371 sylvia_pond@scps.k12.fl.us Dede Schaffner: 407-320-0588 dede_schaffner@scps.k12.fl.us Bill Vogel (Superintendent): 407-320-0006 bill_vogel@scps.k12.fl.us George Kosmac (Deputy Superintendent): george_kosmac@scps.k12.fl.us 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 436 new homes are being built in Winter Springs that will require school support. Closing a school will not allow for adequate coverage for these students. 73% of Keeth's student population is not being bussed today and would need to be in the future, costing approximately 377k/annually. Encourage a special vote to pass a 1-mil assessment on homeowners. Tell them you support this tax to keep our schools open. What makes Keeth special to you? Explain how it is different from other schools in the county. Brag on Keeth's academics, arts and athletics (use the fact sheet). Are you a Dividend at Keeth? Are your children Dividends at Keeth? Let's hear that great family involvement at our school. In the last 5 years we have averaged or 12,000 Dividend Hours at Keeth.
3. Contact State Legislators <i>FOCUS on funding for Seminole County Public Schools</i>	<p>Senator David Simmons, District 22: <i>Budget Subcommittee on Education Pre-K-12, Chair Budget Subcommittee on Higher Education</i> simmons.david.web@flsenate.gov (850)487-5050</p> <p>Senator Thad Altman, District 24: <i>Subcommittee on Higher Education Appropriations, Education Pre-K-12</i> altman.thad.web@flsenate.gov (850)487-5053</p> <p>Representative Jason T. Brodeur, District 33: <i>Local Area Representative</i> jason.brodeur@myfloridahouse.gov (850)488-0468</p> <p>Representative Larry Metz, District 25: <i>K-20 Innovations Subcommittee, Pre-K -12 Appropriations Subcommittee</i> larry.metz@myfloridahouse.gov (850)488-0348</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Florida is currently ranked 47th in the nation in educational spending. For the next school year there are two things that the State Legislature could do that would add \$13 million to next year's SCPS budget. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> PLEASE enact a temporary emergency quarter-mil tax that would cost approximately \$40/year for the average household and result in approximately \$6.5 million for SCPS next year. Tell them you support this quarter-mil increase and that you are willing to pay the extra dollars to keep our school doors open. DO NOT to pass the 2.44% increase in the Florida Retirement System for the 2012-13 fiscal year. By not passing SB2100, it will save Seminole County School System more than \$6.7million. Seminole County Public Schools is one of the strongest districts in the state! <ol style="list-style-type: none"> SCPS has consistently been rated an A Rated School District. SCPS is ranked #1 in the state in a "Return on Educational Investment" in a national study conducted by the Center for Education Progress. SCPS SAT Scores are 43 points above the national average and 79 points above the state average.
4. Educate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keeth Elementary, a school in the heart of our community is threatened with closure. This would effect families with and without children in this school. The closure of Keeth would have a detrimental effect on property values- the National Association of Realtors recognizes that "the key to location is the neighborhood, and specifically, the schools associated with that neighborhood". 	