

**FROM THE CLASSROOM
TO THE BOARDROOM**

"Stand UP" for Seminole County Public Schools



**Date: Tuesday,
October 11**

**Time: Anytime
between 3 and 6 PM**

**Join us at the
Educational Support
Center
400 East Lake Mary
Blvd.
Sanford, FL 32773**

Parents, Teachers, Students, Community Leaders, and Local Businesses: Join us on Tuesday, October 11, anytime between 3 and 6 PM to "Stand UP for Seminole County Public Schools" and support adequate funding for public school education.

Lack of state funding forces the School Board to discuss severe budget cuts for 2012-2013. Possibilities include school closings, elimination of athletics, arts, transportation, and many more areas. The School Board meeting is noon-5 PM.

All children deserve the full benefits of the Triple A experience—Academics, Arts, and Athletics!

Stand UP!

Please wear RED to support public education.

Questions?
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Seminole County Council



“Stand UP for Seminole County Public Schools” to show support for our public schools and draw attention to the need for adequate funding for public education. Seminole County Council of PTA (SCCPTA) has created this new, strong child advocacy movement.

Our first activity is a “Stand Up for Seminole County Public Schools” Rally called From the Classroom to the Boardroom. The Rally will be held in front of the Educational Support Building on Tuesday, October 11th. Drive by anytime from 3-6 PM. On that date our School Board is meeting to work on next year’s budget. Due to the “defunding” of education from the state, there is a projected \$21 million deficit. To put this in perspective, the closing of a school would only save one million dollars. Our school board will need to make harsh budget decisions/cuts that may affect the ability to continue offering the “Triple A” experience that is a well-known attribute in our county: Academics, Arts, & Athletics. Our county’s reputation for quality education may be tarnished.

The “Stand UP for Seminole County Public Schools rally is NOT a protest. It is a rally of SUPPORT for our public schools. Our legislators need to understand that this community takes pride in our public schools and that we expect them to receive adequate funds. Our School Board members should not be placed in a situation where drastic cuts to basic needs are being considered. Possible cuts include transportation, school closings, athletics, and elimination of programs in the arts, music, reading and technology.

Please consider stopping by the Educational Support Center for a few minutes on your way home from school or work on Tuesday, October 11th. Children are also welcome! Wear RED for Ed(ucation). Media has been contacted for coverage.

Additionally, Stand UP for Seminole County Public Schools and SCCPTA will kick off a Mountain of Mail campaign to write to our legislators. The goal is to involve every school. Information will be available at the rally.

After the budget meeting, the school board will hold their official Board meeting at 6:30 PM. Comments from the audience are scheduled at the end of the agenda. The opposition is represented at Board meetings in full force. Please attend School Board meetings and share your personal story. The public, school board, media, and legislators need to see that the opposition is not the only voice.

Your PTA child advocacy group is here to support you. Let's unite to provide what is best for our students. The first step is to get our students, parents, teachers, and concerned citizens to the rally! Please attend the rally on Tuesday, October 11th to Stand UP for Seminole County Public Schools!

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