

# **WORKSHOP EVALUATION SUMMARY AND PARTICIPANT COMMENTS**

## **STATEWIDE LEGISLATIVE WORKSHOP**

**Orlando**

**January 20, 2007**

*Evaluation is a necessary condition for growth. Your comments about this workshop will be an invaluable aid as future programs are planned. This particular evaluation is open ended-designed to elicit spontaneous response. Creative suggestions and critical comments on any phase of the workshop are encouraged.*

### **1. Workshop Format:**

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.

Below is the total number for each category based on attendee ratings.

	Low			High	
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Choice of Activities	1	1	7	15	24
Time Allocation	0	1	8	12	24
Agenda/Program	0	1	6	12	20
Arrangements/Facilities	1	1	5	9	29

### **(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)**

- Great format, I enjoyed the dialogue
- Agenda sounded interesting to learn how to influence the legislation but seemed like just an open forum to ask 2 legislators questions
- It would have been nice to know which legislators were going to attend beforehand
- The areas covered were very relative, as was the timing.
- More time for Q & A with legislators
- Very strong agenda - informative & relevant
- A little more time for Q & A with legislators
- More time should be devoted to substantive issues
- Later start time for drive ins—Would prefer back in Tampa
- Rep. Baxley & Sen. Wise were terrific

## 2. Speakers, Discussion Leaders:

Each category below was rated from 1—5 with 1 being low and 5 high.  
Below is the total number for each category based on attendee ratings.

	Low			High	
	1	2	3	4	5
Knowledge - Substance	0	0	4	9	37
Motivation - Zeal	0	0	3	8	37
Commitment - Interest	0	0	3	8	37
Overall Performance	0	0	3	7	37

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- It was great having some hands on contact
- Lots of great information
- Guest speaker
- Thank you Rep. Baxley & Sen. Wise
- Speakers seemed very motivated they just didn't cover the topics I came to hear
- Good feedback from audience for legislators to hear
- I was very pleased with the question and answer period it was great
- Very informative
- This was truly a motivational morning
- Vern needs time to speak—he is knowledgeable
- It was interesting to hear their views and opinions
- Enjoyed having leg. honest input
- Very informative/every member should be there
- Great to hear from legislators
- Appreciated the time spent with Rep. Baxley & Sen. Wise

### **3. How might this workshop be improved?**

#### **(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)**

- Offer small groups with one legislator per group to teach “hows”
- Break out sessions for specific area of interest
- Explain that it is an open forum to meet with legislators-not how to work with and influence them
- More legislators present and more time for Q & A
- Time to find out what other districts are doing the lobbying
- Provide and agenda
- Provide prepared agenda
- Most of this information was presented last year
- No change needed
- Provide note pads or tell participants to bring them
- Can more legislators attend? Maybe have to break into regional groups
- Have FASA legislative days flyers at sign in desk
- More time with legislators
- Room was cold! Appropriate temperature

#### 4. Which workshop activity was **most** beneficial to you? (BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)

- Meeting the legislators
- Gave direction on meeting local leaders
- Conversations, handouts
- We as educators need to get involved. There needs to be more workshops on how educators can make positive change for students.
- All politics is local communication and networking
- Q and A from elected officials
- SSRI
- The handout
- Meeting legislators-open discussion
- Talking directly to legislators
- Listening to the senator and representative
- Q & A time with elected officials
- Discussion with legislators
- Only one lecture hall—good but 8:55—Warford said, “Were not going to start just yet” then proceeded to talk until 9:25?
- Total
- Having legislators there
- Q & A time period
- Q & A session
- Q & A with legislators
- Mixon is so vital to keeping this workshop moving/interesting and comfortable, kudos to you

5. Which workshop activity was **least** beneficial to you?

**(BELOW ARE RESPONSES FROM WORKSHOP ATTENDEES)**

- Very basic
- Free form questions, audience comment cards with questions
- Q & A
- No criticisms/very interesting and relevant- we don't always have these opportunities please plan some more!