



PreK-12 Appropriations Committee

Thursday, March 12, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
404 House Office Building

Action Packet

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

PreK-12 Appropriations Committee

3/12/2009 9:00:00AM

Location: 404 HOB

Attendance:

	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>	<i>Excused</i>
Anitere Flores (Chair)	X		
Janet Adkins	X		
Dwight Bullard	X		
Gwyndolen Clarke-Reed	X		
Kurt Kelly	X		
Martin Klar	X		
John Legg			X
Kelli Stargel	X		
Michael Weinstein	X		
Totals:	8	0	1

Committee meeting was reported out: Thursday, March 12, 2009 12:13:04PM

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

PreK-12 Appropriations Committee

3/12/2009 9:00:00AM

Location: 404 HOB

Workshop

Dale Hickam Excellent Teaching Program Presentation

Appearances:

Dr. Linda Cavalluzzo, Research Analyst (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only

National Board Certification

CNA Corporation

9773 Katharine Drive

Burke VA 22015

Phone:(703) 824-2197 (0)

Laurie Scott, Legislative Analyst (State Employee) (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only

Excellent Teaching Program

OPPAGA

111 West Madison Street

Tallahassee FL 32399

Phone:(850) 488-0978

Peggy Brookins, National Board Certified Teacher (At Request Of Chair) - Proponent

National Board Certification

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards

4828 SE 35th Avenue

Ocala FL 34480

Phone:(352) 620-2622

Florida Holocaust Museum Presentation

Appearances:

Carolyn Bass, Executive Director (At Request Of Chair) - Information Only

Florida Holocaust Museum

Florida Holocaust Museum

55 Fifth Street South

St. Petersburg FL 33701

Phone:(727) 820-0100

Mark W. Anderson (Lobbyist) - Information Only

Florida Holocaust Museum

Florida Holocaust Museum

55 Fifth Street South

St. Petersburg FL 33701

Phone:(727) 820-0100

Committee meeting was reported out: Thursday, March 12, 2009 12:13:04PM

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

PreK-12 Appropriations Committee

3/12/2009 9:00:00AM

Location: 404 HOB

Summary: No Bills Considered

Committee meeting was reported out: Thursday, March 12, 2009 12:13:04PM



Carolyn Bass, Executive Director

March 12th, 2009

55 Fifth Street South
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
(727) 820-0100



Mission Statement

The Florida Holocaust Museum honors the memory of millions of innocent men, women, and children who suffered or died in the Holocaust. The museum is dedicated to teaching members of all races and cultures to recognize the inherent worth and dignity of human life in order to prevent future genocide.



F.S. 1003.42 Required Holocaust Education Mandate Public Instruction

The 2003 Florida Statutes Title XLVIII K-20 EDUCATION CODE Chapter 1003 PUBLIC K-12 EDUCATION View Entire Chapter 1003.42 Required instruction.-- (1) Each district school board shall provide all courses required for high school graduation and appropriate instruction designed to ensure that students meet State Board of Education adopted standards in the following subject areas: reading and other language arts, mathematics, science, social studies, foreign languages, health and physical education, and the arts. (2) Members of the instructional staff of the public schools, subject to the rules of the State Board of Education and the district school board, shall teach efficiently and faithfully, using the books and materials required, following the prescribed courses of study, and employing approved methods of instruction, the following: (f) The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions. In 1994, the Florida Legislature passed the ***Holocaust Education Bill (SB 660)*** which amends Section 233.061 of the Florida Statutes (Chapters 94-114, Laws of Florida), relating to required instruction. ***SB 660 requires all school districts to incorporate lessons on the Holocaust as a part of the public school curriculum. The Bill states: "The history of the Holocaust (1933-1945), the systematic, planned annihilation of European Jews and other groups by Nazi Germany, a watershed event in the history of humanity, to be taught in a manner that leads to an investigation of human behavior, an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping, and an examination of what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purposes of encouraging tolerance of diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions."*** The Commissioner of Education created a Task Force on Holocaust Education to serve as an advisory group and to coordinate education activities.



Florida Department of Education Contracted Holocaust Education Service Provider

Provides quality teacher training to all 67 Florida school districts

Provides on-site direct student education through school group tours and Student Awareness Days

Exceeds the current state mandate of required teachings of the Holocaust, tolerance, and character education

Implements best practices and core competencies that align with Sunshine State Standards, Just Read! Florida, and FCAT strategies



Core Educational Programs

Student Tours

Student Awareness Days

Teaching Trunks

Teacher Training

Summer Institute

Web-based curriculums



Core Educational Programs

Student Tours



Over 12,000 public and private school students, grades 5 – 12 visit the museum each school year. Students receive docent-led tours and participate in discussions with Holocaust survivors.



Core Educational Programs

Student Awareness Days



Designed to target high school students

Students participate in a 6 hour day at the Florida Holocaust Museum to explore their roles as citizens and determine their community responsibilities after examining the lessons of the Holocaust

In the year 2008, out of 150 participants:

98% strongly agree that overall the program is excellent

98% strongly agree that content was well developed

98% strongly agree that the information is clear and easy to understand



Student Response

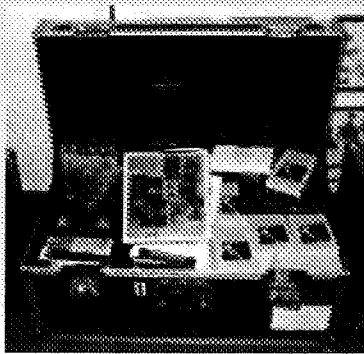
"I learned the importance of being an Upstander...obtained knowledge about the Holocaust from a primary source...(that) witnessed aspects of it...it is one thing to read about (the Holocaust), but completely another to see, hear, and feel it all in front of you."

12th Grade, Pasco School District



Core Educational Programs

Teaching Trunks



Specially designed and equipped trunks with grade appropriate teaching materials - books, videos, audio tapes, curricula and other instructional aides

Provides schools in Florida the resources to teach the concepts of tolerance, diversity, history of the Holocaust as well as more recent Genocide and Human Rights struggles.

Available to all schools, public and private, at no charge



Core Educational Programs

Teacher Training



Bi-monthly (additional seminars added when noted Holocaust Educators become available)

Educators earn needed CEU's while they deepen their knowledge of Character and Holocaust education.

Recent topics include: Resistance during the Holocaust, Holocaust in Literature and Film, Echoes & Reflections (presented by the Anti-Defamation League)



Core Educational Programs

Summer Institute



History of the Holocaust, Human Rights and Genocide Studies

Week long seminar presented in conjunction with the University of South Florida

Participating teachers to earn three graduate-level credit hours.

Program utilizes international education professionals from the Ukraine, Poland, etc, in the development and presentation of the seminars.

Approximately 50 teachers attend the Summer Institutes annually. These 50 teachers reach approximately 7,500 students annually.



Web-based curriculum

The Museum offers education resources available via the Museum's website:

Virtual History Wing

An interactive multimedia program that provides in-depth information tracing the origins of anti-Semitism from the pre-Roman era to the Holocaust, providing a historical context for understanding genocide, specifically the Holocaust, from the early 20th century through today.

Frameworks v5.0

Web-based curriculum that features educational guidelines and pedagogical approaches for teaching Holocaust education. Note: The Frameworks curriculum is also distributed (via CD-rom) to all public school Social Studies administrators throughout the state of Florida.



Exhibitions and Events

The Museum Features Diverse Exhibits and Events to Educate the Community About the Detriment of Prejudice to All Humanity

African Americans

Jehovah Witnesses

Native Americans

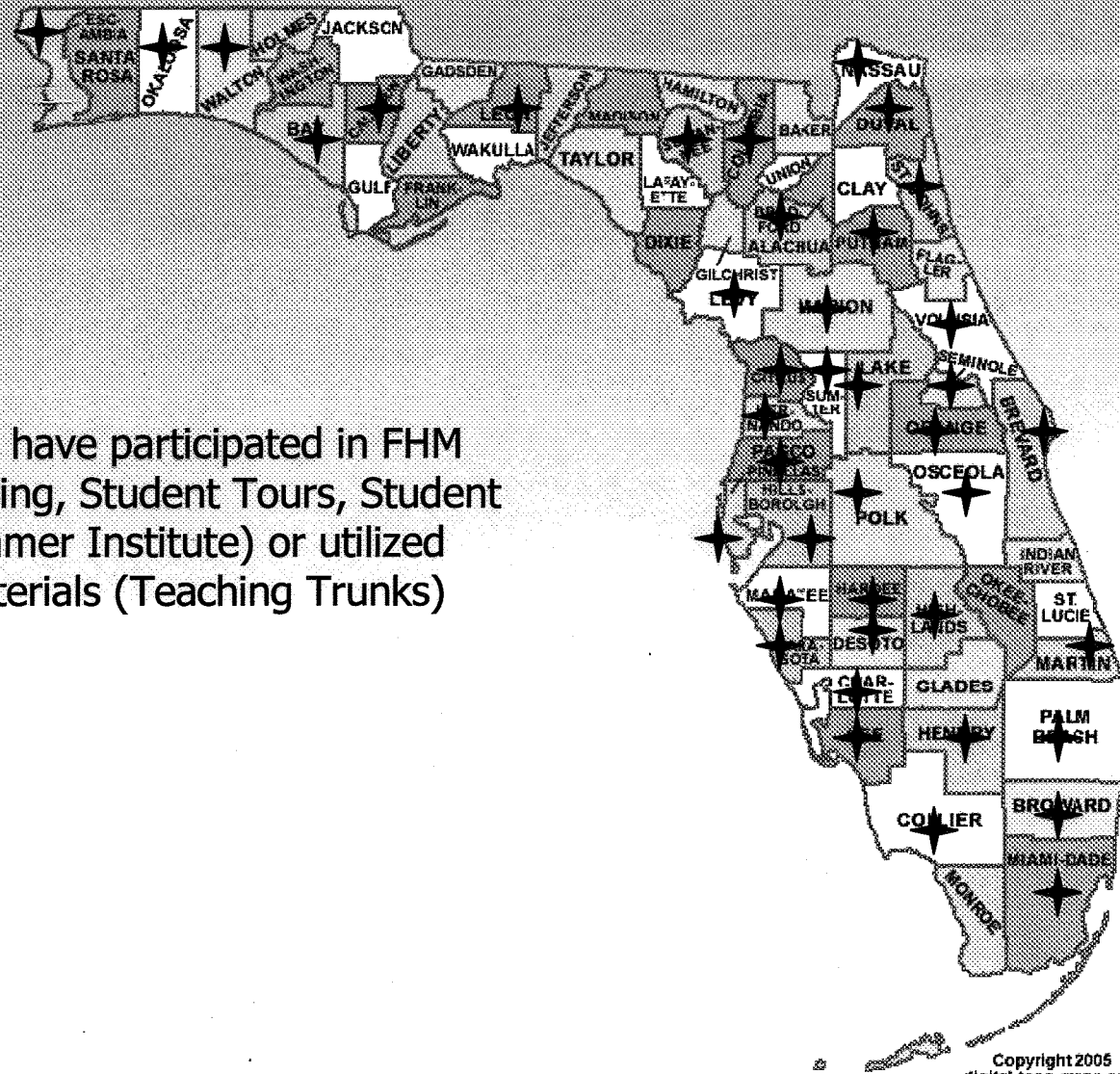
Current Day Genocide (Rwanda, Darfur)

Mentally and Physically Handicapped

Homosexuals



Statewide Impact



◆ Indicates counties that have participated in FHM programs (Teacher Training, Student Tours, Student Awareness Days, Summer Institute) or utilized teaching resource materials (Teaching Trunks)



Statewide Impact – the numbers

<u>Program</u>	<u>Data for 2007-2008</u>
Student Tours	541 tours, 20417 students and 1259 teachers participating
Student Awareness	650 students, 40 teachers participating
Teaching Trunks	360 requests, 30,000+ students utilizing teaching materials
Teacher Training	12 seminars – 480 participants
Summer Institute	100 teachers participating
Web-based curriculum(s)	2,500 teachers, 390,000 students



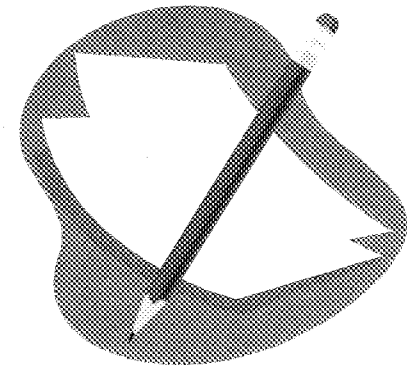
The real impact of teacher training

**The average teacher instructs an average of 150 students per year
(6 classes, 25 students per class)**

**If a teacher is in the classroom for 20 years they will reach 3000
students during their career**

In 2007-2008, the Museum provided training to 1,879 teachers

***The real impact of providing training to teachers is that 5,673,000
students receive the benefit of Holocaust and character
education as part of their core education curriculum.***





Major Partnerships/Collaborations

The Museum sustains beneficial partnerships and collaborations with many organizations including:

The University of South Florida

Facing History and Ourselves

The Center for Catholic-Jewish Studies of Tampa, Florida

Jewish Foundation for the Righteous

Anti-Defamation League

US Department of Justice, Department of Juvenile Justice

US Holocaust Memorial Museum

Pinellas County Schools

Pinellas County Department of Cultural Affairs

City of St. Petersburg



**FLORIDA
HOLOCAUST
MUSEUM**