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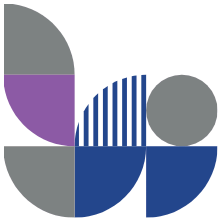
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MEMBER NEWS

✨ Member Spotlight ✨

As a community of school business management professionals across Florida, we are committed to networking, sharing knowledge, and developing innovative solutions in the ever-evolving landscape of education. Our strength lies in collaboration and the collective expertise of our members.

We are continually grateful to those who contribute their time, insight, and leadership to the success of our association. In this column, we are proud to spotlight members of the Florida Association of School Business Officials, highlighting their work and experiences to strengthen connections and foster engagement within our professional community.

This month's member spotlight is Amie Kirwin.
Pinellas County School District's Senior Auditor



Q: What drew you to a role in the education sector?

A: As a parent of two school-aged children, education is something I value deeply. I was drawn to this field because it allows me to contribute to a mission that impacts students, families, and the community. While my work happens behind the scenes, I know strong financial stewardship helps support student success.

Q: How long have you been a member of FASBO?

A: 1 year

Q: How has being a member impacted your career or personal growth?

A: FASBO has helped me grow both professionally and personally. Through conferences, educational opportunities, and conversations with peers, I've gained new insights into school finance and operations while building relationships with dedicated professionals who share a commitment to public education. Being part of that network encourages continuous learning and reinforces the importance of the work we do in supporting students and schools.

Q: What's a recent project or initiative you've been involved in that you're particularly proud of?

A: One initiative I'm particularly proud of has been working with departments across the district to evaluate processes and identify opportunities for improvement. Auditing is often viewed as simply finding problems, but I enjoy helping teams develop solutions that make their work more efficient and effective. Building collaborative relationships and seeing positive changes result from our recommendations has been incredibly rewarding.

Q: What's the best piece of career advice you've ever received?

A: The best career advice I've received is to never stop learning. Regulations, technology, and best practices are constantly evolving, and staying curious has helped me grow throughout my career. Being willing to learn from every experience, challenge, and colleague has made me a stronger professional and has opened doors to new opportunities.

Q: What's one book, podcast, or resource you'd recommend to others in your field?

A: I'd recommend The Energy Bus by Jon Gordon. Its message about positivity, teamwork, and leadership has influenced how I approach both my work and relationships. The book reinforces the idea that the energy we bring each day can impact our teams, our organizations, and ultimately the people we serve.

Q: What's the next place on your travel bucket list?

A: Italy is at the top of my travel bucket list. I'd love to experience the history, architecture, and culture while exploring different regions and enjoying authentic Italian cuisine. It seems like the perfect combination of learning, adventure, and relaxation.

Q: What's something about you that not many people know?

A: Something not many people know about me is that I enjoy photography. I love capturing landscapes, nature, and everyday moments through a different lens. It's a creative outlet that allows me to slow down, observe details, and appreciate perspectives I might otherwise miss.

Are You Ready for Your Next Audit?



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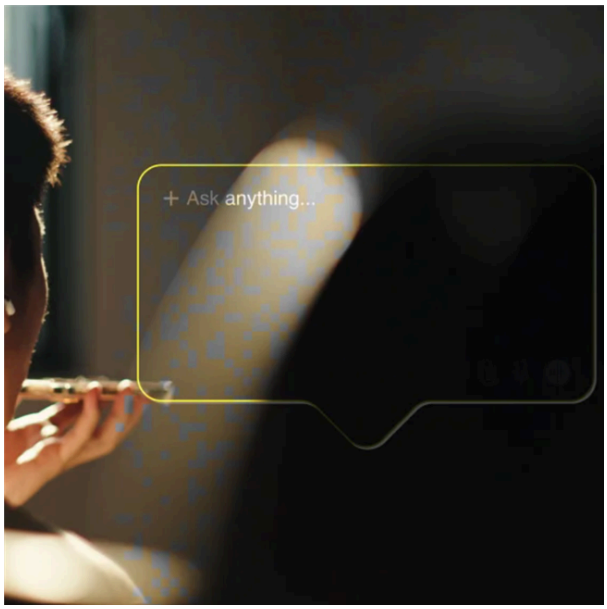
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Common Sense Media says ChatGPT's "Teen Mode" Unsafe.

There are many failings on the updated "Teen Mode" for ChatGPT that are deemed unacceptable. Among other findings, it was tested and determined that parental warnings for a teen in crisis are delayed up to an hour after troubling questions are asked. Also, pertaining to homework or assignments, teens can disable "study mode" and receive pop-ups for the answers instead of guiding them through an assignment.

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