



The Florida Association of Educational Data Systems (FAEDS)

*Florida's Oldest Professional Association
founded in 1963 (formerly chartered in 1964)*

The Florida Association of Educational Data Systems has been one of the most successful, continuing active statewide associations – with over 50 years of professional support and services to Florida schools, K-20. From its inception, the association has been recognized for “... its membership, the quality of programs and conferences, publications, and membership services” (statement from the 1979 national AEDS Outstanding Association Award).

As most school district and post-secondary CIOs appreciate, educational data systems and technology challenges and advancements would have been more difficult, if not impossible, without the close networking and professional support facilitated through the FAEDS community and partners within Florida. This intent of this document is to capture how this has been done over the past 50+ years and how this professional association continues to adapt to meet the range of future challenges facing educational institutions. While it is impossible to properly recognize the many contributors to this success, much is included and much will continue to be added through the work of future historians.

As significant, FAEDS has fostered collegial working relationships by providing opportunities for interactions outside of the formal sessions and workshops. FAEDS provides a setting for all members, major vendors, and associated agencies/institutions to come together in making Florida one of the best places for students to learn.

We hope you will enjoy and benefit from this comprehensive update to the history of FAEDS. Your input and additions to this history are encouraged as we remember and draw from those events and continue to recognize the individual professional contributions that have served the association so well.

Sincerely,

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