

## **Abbey Stewart**

### **Vice President of Programs & Planning, Leadership Florida**

Abbey Stewart joined Leadership Florida in August 2023 as the Director of Class Programs and now serves as the Vice President of Programs and Planning. In this role, she oversees the programming and execution of all Leadership Florida classes, including the recruitment and selection process for each class. In addition, she also oversees the Annual Meeting and Leadership Team retreats and remains focused on Leadership Florida's future plans and operations. Abbey understands firsthand the value of Leadership Florida as a proud member of Education Class 6, and she is deeply committed to convening statewide communities of leaders, strengthening their leadership skills, and inspiring them to work collaboratively for a better Florida.

Before joining Leadership Florida, Abbey spent nearly a decade at the Florida Department of Education, where she held several key leadership roles focused on improving educator quality. Most recently, she served as Chief of the Bureau of Educator Recruitment, Development, Retention, Recognition, and Preparation. In this role, she led efforts to ensure every student had access to high-quality educators, holding the work to the same standard she would expect for her own son, while also elevating and recognizing the profound impact educators have on students' lives.

Born and raised in Miami, Abbey is a proud graduate of Florida State University. She lives in Tallahassee with her husband, Jason, and their teenage son, and she is actively engaged in serving her community through education and leadership-focused initiatives. In her free time, Abbey enjoys the beach, travel, great food, good books, and cheering on the Seminoles.