



2022 LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVES

PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

- Fully fund all State mandates with State general revenue funding.
- Provide an increase to flexible funding to allow meaningful raises to all teacher compensation across the salary schedule.
- Increase the student transportation allocation by a greater percentage than the overall percentage increase in per UFTE funding.
- Allow the Required Local Effort to raise additional funds because of new construction and increased property values as it was always intended in the funding formula.
- Continue Compression of the FEFP.
- Restore base funding for the Digital Classrooms Allocation to \$250,000 per district.
- Fund at the State or DOE Level the increasing costs of cybersecurity insurance for all school districts and/or all local governments.
- Support an OPAGGA study of actual student transportation costs versus what is funded through the FEFP.
- Continue funding for school safety needs including the School Guardian program.
- Fund all mandated FRS rate increases.

STATE ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM

- Provide transparent and equivalent accountability as mandated upon traditional public schools for all charter schools, virtual schools, and private schools accepting vouchers.
- Revise state takeover requirements to support local authority to serve the students and schools of the district.
- Provide the Commissioner the specific authority to remove penalties from the state's accountability system for students or schools, including school grades, if the impacts of COVID continue to justify that in the 2021-2022 school year.

CAPITAL OUTLAY

- Continue to fund qualified school districts under the Special Facility Construction Account Program and restore payback provisions to allow receiving districts to maintain a small portion of local taxes for other maintenance needs.
- Provide increased funding for existing Special Facilities Projects that recognizes the impact of continuing inflation.
- Reduce funding schedule from three years to one year for Special Facility Projects to eliminate the impact of multi-year inflation on the planning and completion of these buildings.

REGIONAL CONSORTIA SERVICES

- Continue full funding of Regional Consortia Services as established in F.S. 1001.451.
- Continue to work with Regional Consortia to encourage and support effective processes and strategies for college and career readiness, leadership development, and technology deployment.

VIRTUAL EDUCATION

- Allow district-run virtual instruction programs to offer all courses year-round on an equal basis to the Florida Virtual School as far as scheduling and funding.

FLORIDA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF AND THE BLIND

- In addition to specific budget requests, funding should be included in the FSDB operations line item to continue to provide for competitive teacher and staff compensation.

RISK MANAGEMENT

- Restore exclusions to PIP-related mandates for school buses to be the same as other public transportation.



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