



2016-2017

Flagler Schools Legislative Priorities

State Accountability System

- During the transition from FCAT 2.0 to FSA, continue to support a one-year delay in the utilization of the data for school grades, the teacher evaluation system, and mandatory third grade retention requirements.
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- Include GED completers in future graduation rates used for grading high schools.
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- Revert back to the former definition of “Learning Gains” (See 2013 Guide to Calculating School Improvement Ratings Step 6.1).

Local Authority & Governance

- Give districts at least a full school-year implementation period for any new state laws or rules to accommodate necessary planning and budgeting and/or to make any needed amendments to local school board policies.

Public School Funding

- Fully fund all State mandates with State general revenue funding.
 - Adequately fund school-based costs associated with student health, student mental health and student safety from the healthcare and public safety budgets instead of through the FEFP.
 - Provide meaningful increases to Safe Schools funding.
 - Fund CPALMs allowing districts to transition to and successfully implement the new Florida State Standards.
 - Fully fund transportation as designated in F.S. 1011.68. Designate 2/seat instead of 3/seat.
 - Fund School Choice transportation.
 - Fully Fund Governor's Teacher Allocation as line item in budget.
 - Fund the higher education costs (dual enrollment/instructional materials) within the higher education funding formula instead of the FEFP.

Public School Funding

- Restore the authority for school districts to levy, by simple majority vote, up to 2.0 Capital outlay millage. Restore school board authority to levy a discretionary millage of up to .5 mills to address critical needs.
- Restore grant funding to the 2014-15 level for the Adults with Disabilities Programs.
- Include growth factor and cost increases in mandated services for the ESE Guaranteed Allocation. No more mid-year reductions to pay for growth.
- Oppose any attempt to provide local capital taxes to charter schools as a legislative entitlement.

Virtual Education

- Undo the fractional FTE concept. Establish a separate funding source for programs taken by students beyond the 1.0 FTE cap or 25 hours a week. Eliminate the cap on funding for courses beyond a base 6-period/1.0 FTE day.
- Provide full funding no matter the completion window for district-run franchises.
- Allow district-run virtual instruction programs to offer all courses year-round instead of limiting to reporting deadline for Survey 4 for courses not tied to credit recovery.

School Choice

- Ensure that all schools that are available as choice options are held to the same fiscal and academic accountability standards.

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