



# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 12, 2018

**TO:** District Advisory Committee

**FROM:** Debra Muller, Chief Financial Officer

**SUBJECT:** 2018-19 Budget Priorities

Over the last year, the District has begun implementing Government Finance Officer Association's Smarter School Spending Strategies which more closely aligns instructional priorities with the District's limited financial resources.

The goal of the 2018-19 budget planning sessions outlined below is to involve the greatest number of stakeholders throughout the District to achieve:

- Greater understanding of the common vision
- Greater understanding of the District's strategic plan and impact statements
- Greater collaboration with all stakeholders
- Greater focus on linking goals and strategies to achieve those goals
- Greater understanding of how to evaluate our progress towards achieving those goals
- Greater understanding of the governance process for budget development

Our first two budget workshops with the Board will be held on March 27, 2018 and April 10, 2018. The first addresses the Capital Fund budget and the second will address General Fund.

## **As DAC representatives, what am I asking of you?**

- Complete the questions below, using the District Priorities included with this letter.
- You may want to meet and discuss with your school administration, SAC, PTA, or other stakeholders.
- Email your completed answers to me at [dmuller@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:dmuller@volusia.k12.fl.us) prior to the meeting or bring a copy to the meeting.
- Attend the District Advisory Committee special meeting on February 21, 2018.
- During this meeting we will identify common ideas that you as school-based representatives have for addressing instructional priorities amid limited financial resources in our school district.
- A HUGE THANK YOU!!!

**1. What current instructional or support programs do you believe are the most effective for increasing student achievement (please be as specific as possible)?**

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**2. Are there areas or programs in your school that, in your opinion, do not support increased student achievement (please be as specific as possible)? Have you discussed this with school leadership?**

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**3. Are there instructional or support programs that you would like the district to explore and consider implementing in the next 3 years (please be as specific as possible)?**

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**4. Total per student funding has increased just 6.4% over the past 10 years, while inflation has increased more than 17%. Do you have ideas that would cut costs and could be redirected and used more effectively elsewhere (please be as specific as possible)?**

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**5. Additional comments/questions**

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