

## **2022 Legislative Priorities**

## **Keeping Students and Teachers Safe**

- Provide State funding to decrease the school counselors to student ratio from 1:450 to 1:250 as nationally recommended.
- Provide State funding for the salary, benefits, and training of one School Resource Officer (SRO) per school in Georgia.
- Provide State funding for one school nurse per school.

## **Recruiting and Retaining Teachers**

- Increase the State funding for teacher salaries
- Promote changes to allow districts to utilize retired educators full time in high-need teaching positions

## **Supporting the State and Local Partnership**

- Continue the State's full funding of QBE
- Consider CARES Act funding inequities in State budget
- Provide greater flexibility
- Increase Capital Outlay for student enrollment growth
- Maintain the State tax base and local control
- · Expand capacity for virtual learning