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119th Congressional Federal Legislative Priorities

The following positions represent the official legislative priorities of the School Board. The Superintendent, in consultation with the School Board Chair, is authorized to advocate for additional legislation to support the District's financial and operational effectiveness.

Academic Excellence for All Students	• Advocate for increased federal Title I funding and flexibility in eligibility criteria to better serve schools with concentrated poverty. • Support expanded federal investment in Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) funding to ensure full federal commitment (targeting the 40% federal share originally promised). • Increase funding for McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and Migrant Education (Title I-C) to support transportation, rapid re-enrollment, and wraparound services. • Support legislation expanding dual enrollment access through Pell Grant eligibility for high school students, particularly low-income learners.
Retaining a High-Quality Instructional Workforce	• Advocate for federal teacher recruitment and retention grants, particularly in high-need subject areas (STEM, ESE, bilingual education). • Request federal incentives for early childhood educators, including wage supplements, training, and professional pathways. • Expand federal support for Grow-Your-Own teacher pipeline programs targeting local graduates and paraprofessionals. • Increase Perkins V Career & Technical Education (CTE) funding to modernize programs, expand industry certifications, and strengthen pre-apprenticeship/apprenticeship pathways.
Investing in Public Education: Budget, Finance, and FEFP Priorities	• Advocate for an increase in federal per-pupil funding contributions through Title I, IDEA, Impact Aid, and other formula programs. • Support universal free school meals through expansion of USDA's school nutrition programs, ensuring no student is denied access to nutritious meals. • Request increased federal E-Rate and technology infrastructure funding to close the digital divide, especially in underserved communities. • Expand long-term home internet affordability programs to complement E-Rate and ensure students have reliable off-campus broadband access.
Commitment to Technology School Safety, Security, and Wellness	• Support school safety legislation including Alyssa's Act of 2025 and the Safer Schools Act. • Support the adoption of the EAGLES Act, particularly reauthorizing and expanding the National Threat Assessment Center of the Department of Homeland Security. • Advocate for enhanced federal school safety and security grants, including support for threat assessment, prevention programs, and safe learning environments. • Expand cybersecurity grants for K–12 districts, including hardware, monitoring, incident response, and staff training. • Support federal standards and grants for edtech interoperability, accessibility, AI transparency, and student data safeguards.

Broward County Public Schools remains committed to advocating for policies and legislation that enhance the educational experience for all students. By focusing on safety, security, wellness, student achievement and the retention of a high-quality instructional workforce, we aim to create an inclusive and supportive environment that prepares our students for success in a dynamic global landscape. We urge the Congressional Legislature to consider these priorities and work collaboratively with us to achieve these goals.



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