



2026

COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM



INCREASE THE BASE STUDENT ALLOCATION (BSA)

Ensure Florida funding for education, at a minimum, increases to at least match inflation (Consumer Price Index) to keep pace with rising costs for salaries, insurance, utilities, and state mandates—protecting classroom resources and student services.



RESTORE LOCAL CAPITAL MILLAGE TO 2.00 MILLS

Reinstate the pre-2009 cap to give school boards local control to meet urgent facility, maintenance, and technology needs without relying on costly referendums or borrowing.



ENSURE TRANSPARENCY WITH SEPARATE “FLORIDA EMPOWERMENT SCHOLARSHIP DISTRICT”

Improve transparency by separating Family Empowerment Scholarship (FES) students and funding from public school district data—protecting public school resources and ensuring accurate reporting.



INCREASE ACCOUNTABILITY FOR HOME EDUCATION

Allow Florida school districts time to support students returning from home education before their performance impacts school grades—ensuring fairness in Florida’s accountability model.



EXTEND REFERENDUM DURATION TO EIGHT YEARS

Reduce the frequency of voter-approved referendums to every eight years, easing administrative burden and improving long-term financial planning.



PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN TEACHER CERTIFICATION

Allow certified teachers to temporarily teach outside their subject area without penalty—helping school districts address staffing shortages while maintaining instructional quality.



EXPAND FUNDING FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN (VPK)

Support full-day, high-quality Pre-K programs by increasing funding, incentivizing certified instructors, and allowing capital dollars to expand access—especially for underserved families.



MAINTAIN FUNDING FOR ACADEMIC ACCELERATION

Protect current funding levels for the Academic Acceleration Options Supplement in the Florida Education Finance Program, which supports student access to advanced coursework and college-credit opportunities.



COLLIER COUNTY LEGISLATIVE DELEGATION

Florida Senate & Florida House of Representatives

Our district-wide theme this year is **The Power of WE** — a reminder that when we work together, we can achieve more for our students. Join the District School Board of Collier County in supporting our 2026 Legislative Platform. Your voice matters — contact your local legislators. The 2026 Florida Legislative Session begins January 13, 2026.

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