

2026 STATE LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

School Safety and Security	Increase funding to schools for school-specific safety enhancements (e.g., metal detectors, building access, additional hardening efforts, and new high-quality technologies).
	Fully fund all security requirements and any new mandates.
	Recommend the posting of age and developmentally appropriate human trafficking awareness and resource information in discrete locations throughout all middle and high schools in Florida.
	Oppose any change to 1003.22, Fla. Stat. regarding vaccination requirements for enrollment in Florida public schools, while maintaining the existing exemptions.
Students	Increase per-pupil funding for students with disabilities to address the significant gap between state revenue received and actual costs related to providing a full spectrum of programs, services, and transportation.
	Increase per-pupil funding for English Language Learners to close the gap between state revenue and the actual cost of providing comprehensive programs and services tailored to their needs.
	Increase per-pupil funding to expand career and technical electives/programs for high school students and adults, and to provide for new opportunities for age-appropriate career and technical training for middle school students.
	Maintain performance-based bonus funding to appropriately compensate districts for added costs of providing advanced and college level instructional options to students.
Teachers and Staff	Increase the Teacher Salary Allocation and BSA (Base Student Allocation) so that school districts can increase salaries to attract more certified teachers, reduce reliance on substitute teachers, and address salary compression for all teachers and staff. In addition, consider the additional resources necessary to secure quality teachers for alternative education and Title I schools.
	Increase funding for the expansion of school district programs that are dedicated to developing future teachers and employees in collaboration with local universities, colleges, and technical centers.
Finance	Continue to allow the RLE (Required Local Effort) to increase commensurate with property values.
	Hold school districts harmless for School Voucher Enrollment Growth that is beyond legislative projections.
	Oppose any new funding requirement that diverts existing funds away from the school district.
	Fully fund existing state mandates including 'safe schools,' mental health, English Language Learners (ELL) and exceptional student education (ESE) along with any new state-mandated requirements on school districts.
	Oppose legislation that seeks to cap, freeze, or reduce the local millage rate or otherwise diminish the local property tax base without a dollar-for-dollar replacement of funding for public schools.



Curriculum and Accountability

Increase the base student allocation to address the escalating costs of textbook adoptions or assist in reducing the cost of textbook adoptions.

Ensure all state standards are factually and historically accurate.

Revise 1003.428(3)(a), Fla. Stat. to allow high school students with disabilities who actively participate in Special Olympics programs for two years to fulfill their one-credit physical education requirement.

Pre-Kindergarten

Fully fund a full-day, high-quality Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program for all students, including instruction, aftercare and wrap around services.

Miscellaneous

Restore the requirement for Schools of Hope to compensate districts for the cost of services provided to Schools of Hope by the district that exceeds the amount of funding provided to school districts.

Continue to seek opportunities to deregulate traditional, district-operated public schools.

Oppose legislation that alters school board member salaries or attempts to change the length of their term (currently at an eight year maximum).

Considering its importance to faculty, parents, and students for school transportation needs, support continued funding of the Tri-Rail system and oppose initiatives that would negatively impact its operations in Palm Beach County.

Support state-level incentives and legislation for affordable housing initiatives targeting educational professionals.

Appropriations Requests

West Tech “Glades Workforce Expansion” 2026

- Invest in curriculum development and material procurement, equipment and tools for hands-on training, professional development resources for educators, and marketing and outreach to secure student enrollment in order to establish elective courses in Culinary and Automotive/Diesel Maintenance.
- Invest in simulators, instructional design course materials and supplies for the business partner-driven welding certification program and automotive/diesel program.
- Provide student scholarships for enrollment and materials in welding certification, health science, culinary, automotive/diesel maintenance and CDL/CVD career electives.

Roosevelt Elementary 2026

- Invest in additional personnel resources to provide coaching and instructional support, as well as reduce class sizes, through recruitment and retention, culture building activities, and professional learning opportunities.
- Invest in supplemental technology, academic tutors, and afterschool programming for wrap-around student supports.
- Build on the 2025 “Roosevelt Elementary School Program Enhancements” appropriation supporting project-based learning and arts integration.
- Provide enhanced learning demonstration opportunities for Roosevelt Elementary School students.

