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2027 Legislative Priorities

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1 School Finance

Support a sustainable and equitable school finance system that provides districts with the resources necessary to meet student needs and improve student outcomes.

- Fund school districts based on student enrollment rather than average daily attendance.
- Increase the Allotment for Basic Costs to reflect rising operational expenses, including employee healthcare costs for districts operating self-funded medical plans, and index the allotment to inflation.
- Increase the per-campus School Safety Allotment to adequately fund state-mandated safety requirements while maintaining local spending flexibility.
- Fully fund full-day prekindergarten programs.

2 Human Capital and Leadership Development

Strengthen the educator and school leadership pipeline through strategic investments in recruitment, preparation, development, and retention.

- Establish a Principal Incentive Allotment to recognize, reward, and retain highly effective school principals.
- Expand school leadership preparation and development pathways through the PREP Allotment.
- Establish and fund a program to recruit high school students into the teaching profession to address teacher shortages in high-need certification areas.

3 Student Success and Accountability

Establish a transparent and meaningful accountability system that recognizes student growth, reflects readiness for life beyond graduation, and holds all schools receiving public funding to consistent standards.

- Ensure College, Career, and Military Readiness measures accurately reflect graduates' preparation for postsecondary education, the workforce, and military service.
- Support the responsible use of artificial intelligence and digital learning tools to enhance instruction and improve operational efficiency, while protecting student data and privacy.
- Require public schools, charter schools, and private schools receiving state funding to meet the same standards for academic accountability, employment practices, financial transparency, and reporting.

4 Local Control and Governance

Preserve the authority of locally elected school boards and district leaders to make decisions that reflect the unique needs of their students, employees, and communities.

- Maintain local control and district discretion over targeted allotments to address specific student, staff, and community needs.
- Preserve current District of Innovation flexibility related to teacher certification, allowing districts to make local staffing decisions and develop alternative certification pathways that meet student needs.
- Require full transparency in the collection and distribution of recapture funds and establish a mechanism to reinvest funds in the regions where they are collected.