Legislative Advocacy Highlights

Spring 2026

By working closely with legislators and education leaders, RCPS has successfully shaped key policies and funding decisions over the past four legislative sessions that support students, families, and staff while strengthening public education. RCPS remains committed to advocating for policies that create a stronger, more equitable education system.

2026 Session

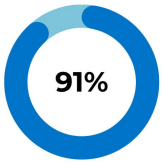


13/15 of Highest Priorities (with one TBD - if approved, 93%)

Highlights:

- Establish RCPS as Community Builders Demonstration Site (Passed)
- Reestablish Dual Enrollment Instructor Teacher License (Passed)
- Extend Through-Year Growth Assessment Flexibility (Passed)
- Updates to School Performance and Support Framework (Passed)
- Construction Sales Tax Referendum (TBD by State Budget)
- Elected School Boards (No bill introduced thanks to previous advocacy)

2025 Session

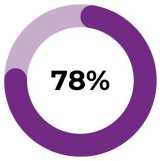


10/11 of Highest Priorities

Highlights:

- Elimination of Appointed School Boards (Defeated)
- Safety and Security: Internet Company Responsibility (Passed)
- Support Staff Cap Fully Repealed (Budgeted)
- Work-Based Learning included in 3E Framework (Passed)
- Assessment Modernization Initiative (Budgeted)

2024 Session

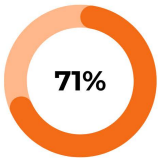


7/9 of Highest Priorities

Highlights:

- Two-Year Flexibility re: Through-Year Growth Assessments (Passed)
- Community Builders (Passed and Budgeted)
- SLIFE Calculation Adjustment (Passed)

2023 Session



5/7 of Highest Priorities

Highlights:

- Elected School Boards Mandate (Defeated)
- Penalties for “Swatting” Schools (Passed)
- Reduction of VRS Return to Work Limits (Passed)
- Increased Workplace Opportunities for EL Students Workgroup (Passed)