



# St. Johns County School District 2017 Legislative Platform

## **Funding**

- Support the restoration of the local capital outlay millage authority to 2.0 mills by a majority vote of the locally elected school board.
- Support increases in per student funding to place Florida in the upper quartile nationally and ensure that funding for each categorical allocation within the FEFP is sufficient to cover actual costs, growth, and inflation, and is not reduced by either enrollment or revenue changes during the fiscal year.
- Support the restoration of funding for courses taken beyond a base 6-period day (1.0 FTE), including virtual education and dual enrollment.
- Support an increase in the Digital Classrooms Allocation in the FEFP for statutorily required technology needs, including infrastructure, hardware, software, training, and portable delivery devices and provide flexibility on how DCP funds may be spent.
- Support parity in bonus funding for Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) program teachers to put them in line with AP and IB program teachers.
- Provide adequate funding systems to address the ever increasing behavioral, mental and physical health needs of our students.

## **Assessment and Instructional Materials**

- Support additional paper/pencil options for the Florida Standards Assessments, provided by the State, until adequate infrastructure, devices, and students' digital skills are in place and ready for successful administration.
- Support a state requirement for all digital instructional materials, including those associated with print materials, meet a set of generally accepted integration standards to facilitate their use by district systems.
- Restore the feedback practices for writing on the state assessment.

## **Choice Programs**

- Oppose any proposal to redistribute a portion of the district's 1.5 capital outlay millage to charter schools.
- Oppose any changes to the current controlled open-enrollment law that would impede school districts' authority over student enrollment.

- Support parity for district virtual programs by allowing them to operate with the same calendar freedom as Florida Virtual School by ensuring consistency in funding throughout both the regular and summer terms.
- Support modifications to the model charter school application to document that the charter governing board is independent of any management company or cooperative and, at its sole discretion, may terminate a contract with a management company or cooperative at any time.
- Support the inclusion of the Florida General Knowledge test for individuals pursuing a teaching certification on the CAPE Industry Certification funding list.

### **School Safety**

- Support legislation requiring individuals making public records requests at a school site to check in with proper identification which aligns with protocol for all other individuals entering our schools. Anonymous requests may continue to be made through the district office.