

# St. Johns County School District

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## St. Johns County School District Legislative Platform 2014 Session

### Funding

- ❖ Restore the optional local capital outlay millage authority to 1.75 and allow the levy of additional critical needs of .25 by a simple majority vote of the school board, without a referendum.
- ❖ Continue to provide a PECO allocation for high growth school districts.
- ❖ Continue to restore funding to the Base Student Allocation to the 2007-2008 levels.
- ❖ Support funding, in addition to the FEFP, for statutorily required technology needs, including infrastructure, hardware, software, training, and portable delivery devices, resulting from the statutory requirements to expand on-line testing, digital and virtual instruction/textbooks and data collection.
- ❖ Support a request by the St. Johns County Education Foundation for a statewide increase in the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program.

### Teacher Evaluations

- ❖ Provide flexibility to local school districts on the percentage of a teacher's evaluation based on student test scores.
- ❖ Delay the implementation of performance pay until new common core assessments are in place and validated.

### Dual Enrollment

- ❖ Repeal statutory changes made during the 2013 Legislative Session requiring districts to pay tuition costs for students enrolled in a dual enrollment course on a state college campus.

### Testing

- ❖ Eliminate the requirement for district created End-of-Course exams for "wheel courses," such as critical thinking or peer counseling.

### Deregulation

- ❖ Continue the Governor's efforts to provide school districts with relief from red tape and state regulations in order to free up resources and time that can be better spent in the classroom.
- ❖ Provide at a minimum a one year lead time for implementation of all major policy changes enacted by statute, including, but not limited to those which impact staffing, contract, and budget decisions.

*The St. Johns County School District will inspire good character and a passion for lifelong learning in all students, creating educated and caring contributors to the world.*

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