

# St. Johns County School District Legislative Platform 2015 Session



## Funding

- Support the restoration of the local capital outlay millage authority to 2.0 by a majority vote of the locally elected School Board.
- Support the restoration of a PECO Construction allocation for high growth school districts.
- Continue to restore funding to the Base Student Allocation to the 2007-2008 levels.
- 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, resulting from the statutory requirements to expand on-line testing, digital and virtual instruction/textbooks and data collection.
- Support an increase in dollars allocated for professional development for teachers and administrators.
- Support an increase in the Safe Schools allocation and increased flexibility in allowable expenditures.

## Assessment

- Support flexibility in performance evaluations and performance pay systems for the 2014-15 school year as the state transitions to new statewide assessments and new end-of-course exams.
- Support a paper/pencil option 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 streamlined statewide testing approach, which minimizes the number of assessments students are required to take each year.

## Charter School Accountability

- Support the repeal of the standard charter school contract.
- Support increased local control in charter school application reviews through measures including, but not limited to, allowing districts to take past history of charter school operators into account and requiring realistic enrollment projections.