St. Johns County School District 2027 Legislative Platform

1 Funding is essential to providing educational services St. Johns' students and families need and expect:

   a. Increase base funding for all students and tie increases to cost of living increases to ensure school districts can keep up with inflation.
   b. Stabilize funding for school districts by separating out scholarship funding in the FEFP, allowing districts more transparency for budgeting purposes.
   c. Provide Supplemental funding to districts with the highest percentage of ESE students to ensure our neediest students can receive services identified in their IEP.
   d. Increase Transportation categorical funding and request a study of the Transportation funding formula to ensure equitable funding among school districts.
   e. Preserve and increase funding in the Mental Health Allocation to assist districts in addressing increased need for student support and services.
   f. Preserve and increase funding for the School Safety Allocation to maintain school safety as a state priority and address the increasing costs of school safety officers.

2 Make statutory changes that increase opportunities for students and reduce costs for districts.
   a. Extend the adoption cycle for textbooks from 5 years to 10 years.
   b. Allow school districts with high school CTE academies that train students for entry into the aerospace workforce to participate in the International Aerospace Innovation Fund.
   c. Update statute to provide Florida Department of Education (FDOE) with authority over scholarship funding organizations with accountability measures and provide funding for modernization of FDOE systems and technology to allow for more timely identification of student choices and funding flows between systems.

3 Fund projects of local importance:
   a. FCTC at Historic Hastings High School – 2nd floor Renovation.
   b. Equipment for Space Academy at new high school.
   c. Establishment of STEM Labs with equipment at 2 elementary and 1 middle school.