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## MEMORANDUM

July 10, 2017

**TO:** School Board Members  
District School Superintendents  
District Legislative Liaisons

**FROM:** Jane Goodwin, Legislative Committee Chair  
Mike Pressley, Legislative Committee Vice Chair  
Andrea Messina, Executive Director  
Ruth Melton, Director of Advocacy Services

**RE:** Call for Proposals for the FSBA 2018 Legislative Platform

FSBA's Legislative Platform is the cornerstone of FSBA's legislative advocacy efforts. In order to represent you appropriately in Tallahassee, we need to begin to develop our 2018 Legislative Platform now. A new page has been added to the FSBA website at <http://fsba.org/2018-legislative-platform/> where you will find several documents relating to FSBA's platform development process, including the timeline for the development of the 2018 Legislative Platform, the platform proposal table, and the 2017 Legislative and Federal Platforms.

The first step in the platform development process is to gather your proposals for legislative changes that would impact public education statewide. We urge all school board members to take advantage of the opportunity to guide FSBA's legislative agenda by submitting proposed platform items. To submit your platform proposals, use the 2018 Platform Proposal Table (available in Word and PDF formats). Instructions for completing and submitting the proposal form are provided on the form. A separate proposal form is also available if additional space is needed.

The 2018 Platform Proposal Table may be completed and submitted by an individual school board member, the full school board, superintendent, or district staff member. However, a school board member must approve any **NEW** item that is submitted by anyone other than a school board member or members. The 2018 Platform Proposal Table must be completed and submitted by ***Friday, September 8, 2017.***

We look forward to receiving your proposals – they are vital to our legislative success. If you have any questions, please contact Ruth Melton at 850-414-2578 or [melton@fsba.org](mailto:melton@fsba.org).

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The mission of the Florida School Boards Association is to increase student achievement through the development of effective school board leadership and advocacy for public education.

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