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FSBA 2017 Legislative Platform

The Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) submits this 2017 Legislative Platform to assist the Legislature in fulfilling its paramount duty to provide for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education. With this paramount duty in mind, FSBA urges the Florida Legislature to:

- ✧ Restore the authority for school districts to levy, by simple majority vote, up to 2.0 mills for capital purposes, and maintain the current authority of school districts to determine the use of local capital outlay millage revenue.

- ✧ Provide sufficient per student funding to place Florida in the upper quartile nationally, increase the Base Student Allocation by at least five percent annually, 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.

- ✧ Revise Florida statutes and related State Board of Education Rules regarding 3rd Grade promotion and retention to:
  - Provide clearly defined alternative pathways for student promotion and retention with a more balanced approach that considers both assessment results and local evidence of student performance;
  - Ensure that the final decision on student promotion or retention is made at the local level; and
  - Ensure that student promotion or retention is not dependent upon, or denied by, a single assessment result.