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FSBA Quick Notes: PreK-12 Education Funding

We thank Senator Simmons, Representative Diaz, and others for their leadership in the ongoing effort to restore education funding that was sacrificed during the Great Recession.

We ask the Legislature to build on this progress by supporting the increase in state and local education funding envisioned in the Senate budget for the Florida Education Finance Program that:

- Retain the current Required Local Effort millage rate to ensure that local school districts contribute an appropriate and equitable amount to fulfill the constitutional obligation to provide a high quality system of free public schools.
- Continue the progress in moving Florida's per-student funding levels from the nation's bottom quartile toward the nation's upper quartile.
- Provide sufficient funds to support enrollment growth, to meet inflation, and to help fill remaining post-recession funding gaps for programs such as Supplemental Academic Instruction, Safe Schools, Student Transportation, Instructional Materials, and related services for all students.
- Foster economic prosperity as education funding flows back into the community as the natural result of the school district often being the largest public employer in each district.
- Provide funding for competitive salaries that advance efforts to recruit and retain highly qualified and effective teachers and school administrators.

Resources:

[House & Senate Budget Comparison](#)

[FEFP History](#)

[2016-2017 Education Fast Facts](#)

[Florida TaxWatch Briefing on Largest Public Employers](#)