



## FSBA 2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM QUESTIONS TO STIMULATE IDEAS FOR NEW PLATFORM PROPOSALS

### **Health & Safety:**

- What difficulties are districts facing in fully implementing the provisions of SB 7026 (2018) and SB 7030?
- What oversight and accountability is necessary to ensure that information in the data repository is correct, properly maintained and protected, and purged as appropriate?
- Should school district capital outlay millage authority be increased, and allowable uses expanded, to cover costs associated with hardening for safety and/or for emergency shelters?
- What policies and/or funding for mental health services need to be added or amended to better meet district needs?

### **Standards, Assessments, and Accountability:**

- What changes are needed to the Florida Standards?
- How should the statewide assessment system accommodate English language learners, ESE students, and other special populations?
- Should school districts be authorized to use examples of student performance and progress in lieu of statewide assessment results?
- Should SAT, ACT, and approved national assessments be used in lieu of statewide assessments with out the requirement that students first fail on the statewide assessments?

### **School and District Personnel:**

- What policies and/or funding is needed to address shortages in instructional personnel?
- Should there be a shorter timeframe and/or additional flexibility to re-employ retired personnel?
- Should additional base funding be provided to address the costs associated with employment of personnel required by law such as an internal auditor, a school safety specialist, and school counselors?
- Should changes be made to the funding and policy guiding the Best and Brightest Teachers and Principals awards?

### **School Choice:**

- Should there be more district flexibility to allow for addendums to the standard charter school contract?
- Are there any specific regulations that should be added or removed to assist school districts in providing more choice options?
- Should there be a “glitch” bill to address specific concerns about new and/or expanded public and private school choice options?

### **Prgrams, Services, Curriculum:**

- What additional elements are needed to support and enhance the Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program and related early learning options?
- What funding and resources are needed to enhance summer school options, drop out prevention programs, and related “wrap-around” services?
- What additional elements are needed to support and enhance workforce and career education options?

### **Local Authority:**

- Under what circumstances should school districts qualify for exemptions from state laws and rules?
- Are there statutes, rules, regulations, policies, etc. that hinder school districts in meeting the needs of students and the community?
- What specific concerns have arisen from recent local government accountability legislation such as HB 1279 (2018)?
- Are any changes needed to the current provisions relating to sovereign immunity?

### **Funding:**

- What unfunded or underfunded mandates are most troubling and/or burdensome?
- Should there be automatic annual increases in the BSA and categorical programs?
- What concerns arise from revising the calculation of the District Cost Differential?
- What concerns arise from revising the calculation of the cost per student station?