



## 2022 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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### 1 Mental health issues negatively impact student achievement.

#### **FSBA supports legislative efforts to:**

- Provide increased funding to the mental health allocation to address the shortage of mental health staff and services provided in school districts.

### 2 Florida's accountability system should be driven by student performance and be fair and compassionate to students, teachers, schools, and school districts.

#### **FSBA supports legislative efforts to:**

- Implement an accountability system based on the new B.E.S.T. standards with the involvement of school board members and other education stakeholders.

### 3 Significant additional state financial support by the Legislature to our school districts is an investment in our students and Florida's future.

#### **FSBA supports legislative efforts to:**

- Increase the Base Student Allocation by at least 3%.
- Provide school districts with maximum flexibility and additional flexible operating funds.
- Revise the calculation for the Required Local Effort millage rate.
- Expand the year-round funding model currently used by Florida Virtual School by applying it to school districts' virtual offerings.

### 4 A highly skilled diverse workforce helps ensure Florida has a diverse economic future.

#### **FSBA supports legislative efforts to:**

- Create and fund a statewide grant program for school districts to apply for start-up funds to develop programs for high-wage, in-demand jobs.
- Provide operational funding in the FEFP to support the expansion of secondary career and technical programs.

### 5 Florida's students deserve the most qualified and talented staff in their schools.

#### **FSBA supports legislative efforts to:**

- Fully fund the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation (TSIA) and increase the categorical, expanding eligibility to all certified instructional personnel.
- Support a Grow-your-Own Teacher program.