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.