



# Broward County Public Schools

## 2020 State Legislative Priorities

The Legislature should boost funding and adopt policies that educate today's students to succeed in tomorrow's world. BCPS will advocate for legislation consistent with School Board policy and programs.

### School Board Authority

- Preserve school board constitutional and home rule authority and oppose legislation that would subvert, bypass, or undermine that authority.
- Restore school boards' authority to levy allowable discretionary capital outlay millage by .25 mills over a two (2) year period until full restoration of 2 mills for school safety.
- Allow school boards to fulfill public notice requirements outlined in Florida State Statute through posting on the District's website.

### Funding

- Increase per-pupil funding through the Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP), allowing Florida school districts to be competitive nationwide.
- Maintain the Required Local Effort rate to allow for growth to pay for FEFP enhancements such as Base Student Allocation, Safe Schools Allocation, Mental Health Assistance Allocation, and supplemental services for additional students.
- Fully fund the requirements for Safe School Officers at all public and redirect the Aaron Feis Guardian Program funds to the Safe Schools Allocation. Distribute funding for school hardening on a per-pupil basis.
- Establish a Victim's Compensation Fund for victims of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas HS.
- Include all certified teachers in the education statute for the purposes of allowing certified preschool teachers inclusion in incentive programs and retirement options currently afforded to K-12 teachers.
- Make the FEFP formula more equitable by eliminating compression within the FEFP and account for costs such as average teacher salaries, health insurance for employees, property and transportation per FTE.
- Expand the Turnaround School Supplemental Services Allocation to all Title I schools for wraparound services
- Continue \$800,000 in funding for the BCPS Adults with Disability (AWD) program.
- Provide funding for the Mentoring Tomorrow's Leaders program.
- Allocate non-millage funding for charter schools to minimize the impact of sharing capital millage.
- Expand funding for full-day Pre-Kindergarten programs for all eligible students.
- Increase funding for student health services.
- Restore funding to cover the costs associated with the Dual Enrollment program-
- Continue funding the Matching Fund program for BCPS students.
- Provide adequate funding for Post-Secondary Workforce Education per the unmet funding need as identified in the State DOE Funding Model
- Continue statewide funding for CTE Industry Certifications that are included on the Performance Incentive Funding list which are attained by Post-Secondary students

### Accountability

- Require the State Board of Education and Commissioner to conduct a concordance of national assessments for all grade levels of Florida's standards that districts may use in lieu of FSA.
- Include career dual enrolled students in the acceleration calculation for state high school grades which currently provides for academic dual enrolled students.
- Schools rated an A should automatically qualify for the retention bonus under the Best and Brightest
- Private Schools that receive taxpayer dollars should have the same accountability measures as public schools.