

FASA 2022 Legislative Platform

FLORIDA'S PUBLIC SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE LEADERS: SUPPORT STATUTORY PROVISIONS THAT ALLOW SCHOOLS TO EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS IN SAFE CLASSROOMS LED BY HIGH QUALITY TEACHERS.

EDUCATIONAL ACCOUNTABILITY

1. FASA supports the move away from end of the year assessments to state standards-aligned progress monitoring for accountability. FASA supports an efficient, rigorous accountability system providing for maximum flexibility to school districts. FASA supports the release of state VAM scores by June 15 for appropriate planning for the following year.

CAPITAL NEEDS

2. Increase the Base Student Allocation (BSA) and adjust for student population growth.
3. Continue to maintain the RLE to stabilize funding.
4. Increase funding by at least 3% to allow districts to provide salary raises to school-based administrators using their current formulas.
5. Fully fund the requirement to pay starting teachers \$47,500 and support funding for veteran teacher salaries.
6. Restore local control to school districts to review millage discretionary funding (to 2 mills) to school boards to support Capital Outlay, where the proportion provided to public and charter schools is equitable in such a way that public schools, who provide the education for the majority of students in a district, receive at least the same amount of capital outlay money as charter schools on a consistent basis.
7. Provide maximum flexibility for all school district revenues to be used to meet the needs of students.
8. Provide full funding for school districts to offer choice to parents and students to take virtual courses over the summer.

SCHOOL SAFETY

9. Increase the Safe Schools Categorical per student funding to provide:
 - a. More School Resource Officers (SRO) to keep schools safe and reach the goal of a minimum of one SRO in each school with the ultimate goal of one SRO per 1,000 students.
 - b. Ongoing stipends for guardians and to fully implement the intent of Alyssa's Law.
10. Include administrators in the group receiving family benefits when killed in the line of duty.
11. FASA supports minimizing out-of-school suspensions except in the cases where student and staff safety and welfare are concerned.

Address the social emotional well-being for our students by adding school psychologists, healthcare/mental health nurses and counselors to reduce the number of students Baker Acted.
12. Provide funding for school nurses in EACH school to support the health needs of students.
13. To ensure students receive appropriate services and support all schools (public, private, charter, virtual and home) should be required to share mental health/threat/self-injury assessments, as well as meet the three-day requirement for reporting of requested information.

14. Strengthen legislation that will allow for the prosecution of individuals threatening schools regardless of the specificity of the threat.
15. Increase funding for cameras on school campuses.
16. Allow for stop arm cameras on school buses to capture images of violators.

OTHER ISSUES

FASA Leaders also support the following issues:

17. Continue funding for the digital classroom allocation and emphasize for school leaders to determine appropriate professional development as needed for administrators and teachers to implement a digital learning environment.
18. Expand the funding for instructional materials categorical due to the change to the B.E.S.T. Standards, increase in dual enrollment, and digital instructional material costs.
19. Recognize the importance of early childhood education for children from birth to grade 2 and support an increase in funding for full day early childhood education to better prepare students for K-12 education standards.
20. Revise Florida Statutes and related State Board of Education Rules to allow school districts to promote school and district successes (to exclude paid advertising and signage for candidates).
21. Currently, districts are required to promote programs of the district but are forbidden from using public dollars. Revise Florida Statute and State Board of Education Rules to allow school districts to promote programs through use of public dollars.
22. FASA supports flexibility in funding for the recruitment and retention of certified educators; specifically, in mentoring teachers in the first three years of their career and providing for a loan forgiveness or incentive program for new teachers in teacher shortage areas as determined by the Florida Department of Education.
23. Allow teachers to return to the classroom as a substitute immediately following retirement.
24. FASA supports high quality professional development for all educators that makes a positive change to their practice to support student achievement including funding similar to ILFD.
25. Hazardous Walking Conditions:
 - a. Clarify the definition of a hazardous walking condition for districts to provide transportation to students and be reimbursed for the costs.
 - b. Amend Definition of "student" to include all grades through 12.

