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PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS 2022
LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM
Restore • Renew • Reimagine

OUR LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

Pinellas County Schools is proud of the success achieved during the 2020-2021 school year and appreciates the support of our Legislative Delegation. When many districts across the nation opened partially, or not at all, Pinellas County continued to push forward with high expectations and high achievement for students and staff. District employees innovated and reimagined nearly every way of work, to ensure students had a high-quality education, mental health services, food and nutrition assistance and all the other support services the district provides. That momentum continues in the new school year. The Pinellas County School Board’s 2022 Legislative Platform outlines where support is needed to maximize student outcomes and best serve our community. The district values its strong partnership with the Legislative Delegation to benefit all Pinellas County children and families.

High-Quality Teachers & Innovative Programs

**OUR GOALS:**

- Maintain funding for teacher salary categorical in order to attract and retain highly-effective teachers and address a growing teacher shortage.
- Amend legislation on the allocation of FEFP funding to allow school district virtual instruction programs to mirror the year-round funding model for Florida Virtual School.
- Increase general operating dollars (Base Student Allocation) by a minimum of 3% to sufficiently fund the costs including innovative programming, salaries, benefits, mandatory employer contributions to the Florida Retirement System and increased fixed costs such as utilities and insurance.
- Update the calculation for the Required Local Effort (RLE) millage rate to capture the increases in residential and commercial property value, revenue gained from new construction and the change of value in real estate caused by the sale of property value so that growth pays for itself.

**Pinellas County Schools First Year Teacher Salaries**

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<td>Salary (In Thousands)</td>
<td>41.1</td>
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Teachers are called to serve children. *Period.*

-SARAH ANN PAINTER
Eisenhower Elementary, 2022 Florida Teacher of the Year

**Student Internships & Apprenticeships**

**OUR GOALS:**

- Appropriate $499,995 to Pinellas County Schools for Summer Career Acceleration Program and Student Internship Programs to support rising juniors and seniors and serve as a statewide model for enhancing access to a wide variety of student internships/apprenticeships, industry certifications and district pipelines for entry-level certified employment in early learning classrooms.

**Workforce Development**

**OUR GOALS:**

- Appropriate $6.5 million statewide, in alignment with the Workforce Performance Fund formula, to school district workforce education programs for performance-based industry certifications earned by postsecondary students.

**School Safety**

**OUR GOALS:**

- Maintain the level of funding in the mental health categorical to support public schools.

**School Buildings**

**OUR GOALS:**

- Require that public facilities, other than K-12 schools, are utilized as hurricane shelters and post-storm support to ensure schools can resume as soon as possible following a storm.
- Amend the cost per student station provision regarding school building construction to include solar energy to the list of exceptions to ensure taxpayers and school districts can actualize long-term savings from newly constructed and/or renovated buildings.