

VISION: 100% Student Success

MISSION: Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life

Keep Students First: Sufficiently and Sustainably Fund Schools to Meet the Educational Needs of Students

- Increase teacher salaries in a meaningful, sustainable manner in order to attract and retain highly-effective teachers and address a growing teacher shortage.
- Increase general operating dollars (Base Student Allocation) by a minimum of 3% to sufficiently fund the costs including salaries, benefits, mandatory employer contributions to the Florida Retirement System and increased fixed costs such as utilities and insurance.
- Increase funding and continue to establish new and expand existing Career Technical Education and apprenticeship programs.
- Update the calculation for the Required Local Effort (RLE) millage rate to capture the increases in residential and commercial property values, 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.
- Extend voter authorized millage set forth in s. 1011.73, F.S. from 4-year up to 10-year terms.
- Restore authority for local school boards to levy up to 2.0 mills for capital outlay purposes.
- Continue the state commitment to funding capital outlay for regular public schools through Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) funds while identifying new state revenue streams for public school construction, remodeling, maintenance and instructional technology.
- Review the equity and effectiveness of the localized needs assessment process and the Educational Plant Survey requirements as set forth in s. 1013.31, F.S. Review the application of such processes to ensure intent and purpose is aligned with the many changes to public education given the shifts in funding for school construction to the Local Discretionary Capital Improvement Millage.

Keep Students, Families and Schools Safe

- Increase funding for community mental health and substance abuse agencies and require that the new revenue identify specific service slots for students in need of services as identified by public school personnel.
- Increase total funds for the Safe Schools Allocation to support the full cost of the expanding coverage of school safety.
- 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.

Keep Adult Learners Engaged: Support Public Technical Colleges

- Increase and continue to work toward providing additional funds to achieve fully equitable workforce education allocation model for technical colleges.
- Appropriate \$6.5 million, in alignment with the Workforce Performance fund formula, to school district workforce education programs for performance-based industry certifications earned by postsecondary students in the 2018-19 school year.
- Appropriate \$3 million to provide grants to technical colleges to establish new apprenticeship programs and expand existing programs.
- Include career dual enrolled students in the acceleration calculation for state high school grades which is currently provided for academic dual enrolled students.

Keep Students in World-Class Facilities

If millage had remained stable at 2 Mills, Pinellas County Schools would have been able to leverage an additional \$433.5 million for Capital Improvements since 2007.

Pinellas Capital Outlay Funding													
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Gross Taxable Value (\$ Million)	\$75,661.3	\$80,171.8	\$78,516.1	\$69,846.3	\$63,254.1	\$60,328.9	\$58,891.1	\$60,915.2	\$65,276.2	\$69,844.4	\$74,769.7	\$80,533.5	\$86,662.8
Versus prior year		6%	-2%	-11%	-9%	-5%	-2%	3%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
Capital Outlay Millage	2.000	1.850	1.750	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500	1.500
Capital Outlay Revenue @ Actual Mills (\$ Million)	\$143.8	\$140.9	\$130.5	\$99.5	\$91.1	\$86.9	\$84.8	\$87.7	\$94.0	\$100.6	\$107.7	\$116.0	\$124.8
Capital Outlay Revenue @ 2 Mills (\$ Million)	\$143.8	\$160.3	\$157.0	\$139.7	\$126.5	\$120.7	\$117.8	\$121.8	\$130.6	\$139.7	\$149.5	\$161.1	\$173.3
Versus prior year		-2%	-7%	-24%	-8%	-5%	-2%	3%	7%	7%	7%	8%	8%
PECO Revenue (\$ Million)	\$15.8	\$16.4	\$8.8	\$2.2	\$6.2	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$2.0	\$2.4	\$3.6	\$2.3	\$2.3

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD 2019 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

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Empowering school districts through the legislative process.

Working together we can support schools, teachers, students and families to achieve 100% student success!

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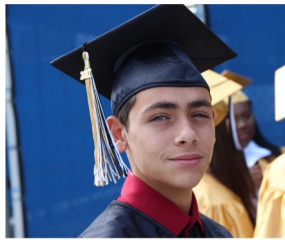
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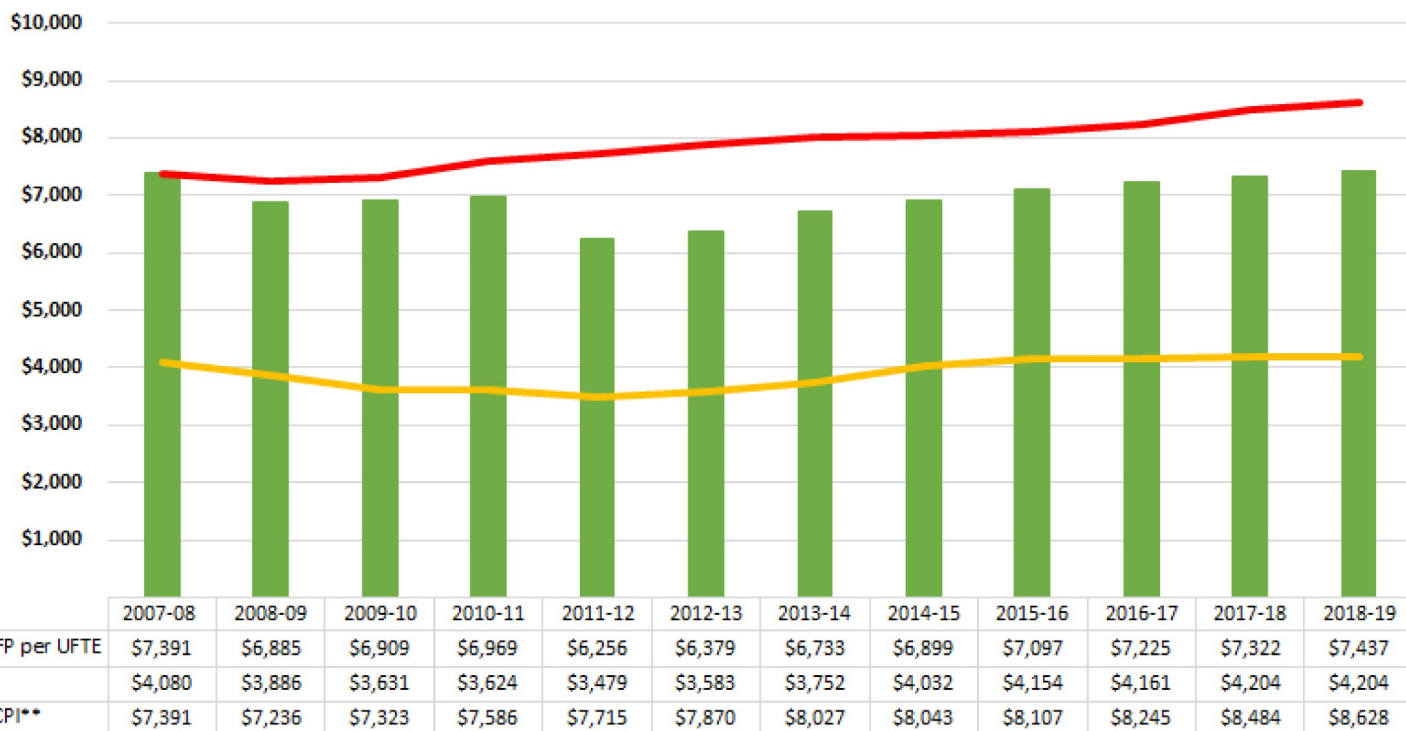
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Florida School Boards Association, Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards and Florida Association of District School Superintendents.

The Florida Education Finance Program formula (FEFP) per student allocation significantly lags behind inflation, even though the Base Student Allocation (BSA) has been restored to the 2007-08 level of funding.



*Base Student Allocation (BSA)- funding amount set annually by the Legislature to provide Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) base funding. This funding may be used to support the general operations of the school district and does not carry the mandates of state categorical funds.

**Consumer Price Index (CPI)