

Legislative Priorities

2022

Expanding Opportunities for Students

We are committed to providing a well-rounded education for every student and addressing the academic and non-academic factors that have an impact on student achievement.

PRIORITY: Provide access to a 21st-century classroom by recognizing the need for affordable and quality high-speed internet access as a basic utility for all of Georgia's families.

PRIORITY: Strengthen Civics Education and students' understanding of American government and our nation's history.

PRIORITY: Encourage the elimination of austerity cuts for programs that expand learning opportunities for students, including CTAE extended day/year and youth camps.

Increasing Supports for Students with Disabilities

We are committed to improving supports and resources to ensure educational access and success for students with disabilities.

PRIORITY: Support updates to the funding formula to ensure sufficient resources for students in Residential Treatment Facilities.

PRIORITY: Propose additional funding to support the effective facilitation and implementation of the Georgia Special Needs Scholarship.

Elevating the Teaching Profession & Strengthening the Teacher Pipeline

Teachers are the drivers of all educational achievement. We promote efforts to ensure all Georgia's students have access to highly effective teachers.

PRIORITY: Support fully funding the pay raise for teachers.

PRIORITY: Encourage removing the threat of certification loss as a punishment for new teachers identified as "Needs Development" through the teacher evaluation system.

PRIORITY: Pursue the establishment of a pilot to design an evaluation system built on professional progression with embedded supports for educators.

PRIORITY: Promote changes to allow districts to utilize retired educators full time to fill high-need teaching positions.

Strengthening the Partnership between Schools and the Community

Schools belong to the community and the students, parents, educators, and citizens who live therein. We champion efforts for strong parent and community collaboration and engagement in school decisions.

PRIORITY: Promote strategies that encourage informed decision-making to ensure the health and safety of students and educators, recognizing the authority of families to make health-related decisions for their children, and of employees to make health-related decisions for themselves.

PRIORITY: Foster unity among students, educators, parents, and communities around the common educational challenges facing our students by protecting against divisive teachings or ideologies.

PRIORITY: Ensure instructional materials, resources, and programs are age- and developmentally appropriate and are adopted using an established process that promotes transparency and community engagement.

Funding Public Education

We believe in prioritizing additional revenue to fully fund public education, including the full funding of the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula.

PRIORITY: Encourage the elimination of austerity cuts for districts and schools, and encourage additional funding for RESAs.

PRIORITY: Pursue additional funding for transportation costs for school districts.

PRIORITY: Pursue additional funding for student support staff at the local level.

PRIORITY: Support efforts to increase facilities funding for local charter schools.

Federal Priorities

PRIORITY: Promote federal legislation to extend the use of federal ESSER funding to maximize the efficiency, effectiveness, and sustainability of these funds and support the long-term recovery of Georgia's schools.

PRIORITY: Pursue legislative resolution that supports amending the Every Student Succeeds Act to further reduce high-stakes testing by only requiring grade-band testing (elementary school, middle school, and high school) rather than testing in grades 3-12 each year.



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