

## OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES

### RESPECT THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY OF SCHOOL BOARDS

- Recognize school board's authority to control **Local District Capital Outlay** spending without any required diversion.
- Return control of **Title I spending** to local school board discretion to support district improvement efforts for students.
- Maximize local authority as envisioned by the **Florida Constitution**.
- Allow school boards to waive the same laws and rules that **charter schools** can waive on a district-wide basis.

### FUNDING

- Ensure that any changes to the **District Cost Differential** reflect the costs of housing, insurance, poverty, and transportation, rather than wages.
- Oppose further equalization of the **Local Discretionary Millage**.
- Uphold the **90 percent rule** in the FEFP, and fund state mandates for Transportation and Instructional Materials entirely from state revenue and do not include this funding when calculating the 90 percent rule.
- Maintain the **Required Local Effort (RLE)** or mitigate any impact of the rollback rate.
- Restore **workforce education funding** to 2007 levels and commit to annual increases thereafter for school districts to meet state and regional workforce needs as outlined by the Department of Economic Opportunity.

### CAPITAL OUTLAY FUNDING

- Prohibit the **personal enrichment** of charter operators from public funds.
- Establish a **long-term, stable, and recurring revenue source** to provide increased school construction funds to support new facilities, renovations, replacement schools, school maintenance, land acquisition, mandated class size reduction, hurricane shelter retrofitting, pre-kindergarten programs housed in public schools, and the additional costs of constructing environmentally-efficient "green" schools.
- Eliminate the "**may not exceed the cost per student station**" provision as it applies to new construction using any non-state funds.

### CRITICAL TEACHER SHORTAGE

- **Fund strategies**, such as teacher fellowship and loan forgiveness programs, to recruit and retain teachers.
- Provide for **hiring of instructional personnel as substitute teachers** and hiring of retired bus drivers on a part-time basis after one month after termination without penalty to their state retirement pension.
- Expand options for individuals to obtain **temporary teacher certification** and, subsequently, full professional certification who demonstrated their work to be highly effective.

### EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

- Require all **pre-K teachers to meet the same certification requirements**, regardless of provider, and provide adequate funding for training.
- Fund an **optional full-day voluntary pre-K (VPK) program**.

### ACCOUNTABILITY AND STATE ASSESSMENT

- **Move the June 30<sup>th</sup> FLDOE reporting deadline** for FSA tests back to June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Give districts **greater flexibility in determining 3<sup>rd</sup> grade retentions and promotion criteria** to measure each student's progress and customize his/her education plan.
- Enhance **state funding for educator professional development and training** on Florida State Standards, the related assessments, required use of technology.