



2017 Legislative Priorities

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2017:

- ◆ Revise Florida statutes and related State Board of Education Rules regarding third grade promotion and retention to:
 - Provide clearly defined alternative pathways for student promotion and retention with a more balanced approach that considers both assessment results and local evidence of student performance.
 - Ensure that the final decision on student promotion and retention is made at the local level.
 - Ensure that student promotion or retention is not dependent upon, or denied by, a single assessment result.
- ◆ Allow for the use of a nationally-recognized high school academic assessment in place of a required statewide assessment in ELA and Mathematics.
- ◆ Restore and support the authority of school district to levy, by simple majority vote, up to 2.0 mills for capital outlay purposes and maintain the current authority of school districts to determine the use of local capital outlay millage revenue.
- ◆ Provide sufficient per student funding to place Florida in the upper quartile nationally.
- ◆ Increase the Base Student Allocation by at least five percent annually and ensure that funding for each categorical allocation within the FEFP is sufficient to cover actual costs, growth, and inflation, and is not reduced by either enrollment or revenue changes during the fiscal year.
- ◆ Oppose any proposal to redistribute a portion of the district's 1.5 capital outlay millage to charter schools.
- ◆ Oppose any changes to the current controlled open-enrollment law that would impede school districts' authority over student enrollment.
- ◆ Make the election of the Superintendent of Schools non-patrician.
- ◆ Reduce state mandates to allow for the use of multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability, and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating teachers and school leaders.

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VISION STATEMENT

The School District of Clay County exists to prepare life-long learners for success in a global and competitive workplace and in acquiring applicable life skills.

MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to work collaboratively with all stakeholders to provide public education experience that is motivating, challenging and rewarding for all children. We will increase student achievement by providing students with learning opportunities that are rigorous, relevant and transcend beyond the boundaries of the school walls. We will ensure a working and learning environment built upon honesty, integrity and respect. Through these values, we will maximize student potential and promote individual responsibility.



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