



# **2020 Legislative Priorities**

## **THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2020**

Clay County District Schools continues to provide a world-class education. Over the last three years, our school district had made monumental gains in the areas of student performance, accelerated opportunities, expansion of school choice, graduation rates, industry certifications, equity of curriculum, climate and culture, safety and security, school-based supports, technology accessibility, and fiscal responsibility. In order to continue this momentum, our 2020 legislative priorities are identified below:

### **Safety and Security**

- ❖ Provide sufficient and flexible funding in the Safe Schools Allocation to hire and retain qualified resources officers and other safety personnel for all schools.
- ❖ Provide sufficient funding to finalize school hardening projects to ensure all schools and district campuses are secure to the maximum extent possible.

### **Student and School Investment**

- ❖ Provide adequate funding to all school districts to offer full day VPK Programs.
- ❖ Provide adequate funding to assist school districts with expanding Dual Enrollment opportunities to all learners (financial assistance to cover tuition and textbooks).
- ❖ Restore all funding related to the Digital Classroom Initiative to continue to address the digital divide.

### **Personnel Investment**

- ❖ Provide adequate funding to raise the salaries for all teachers to assist with recruiting and retaining highly skilled and qualified candidates to Florida.
- ❖ Add certified Pre-K Teachers to the K-12 Best and Brightest Scholarships to demonstrate value for early childhood education.

### **Facility and Infrastructure**

- ❖ Restore all funding related to the Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) for public district managed schools.

### **State Assessments**

- ❖ Eliminate all High School Assessments and transition to national assessments such as the SAT and ACT.
- ❖ Provide sufficient Funding to pay for every student in the 10th grade to take the SAT or ACT.
- ❖ Provide funding for teachers to obtain bonus money for all students who earn Dual Enrollment college credits.

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