



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:

Facility and Infrastructure

- ❖ Restore all funding related to the Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) for public district managed schools.
- ❖ Expand the Performing and Visual Arts choice offerings at Coppergate Elementary School through classroom structure and facilities improvements specific to arts curriculum.

Personnel Investment

- ❖ Provide adequate funding to raise the salaries for all employees to assist with recruiting and retaining highly skilled and qualified candidates to Florida.
- ❖ Eliminate the Best and Brightest program to adequately fund all school district employees.
- ❖ If the Best and Brightest program remains, add all instructional personnel, including certified Pre-K Teachers, to the K-12 Best and Brightest Scholarships to demonstrate value for all certified personnel.

Safety and Security

- ❖ Provide sufficient and flexible funding in the Safe Schools Allocation to hire and retain qualified resource 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.

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.

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.

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