2013 Legislative Priorities



THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2013:

TECHNOLOGY

- Fully fund technology needs, including funds necessary for infrastructure, hardware, software, training, online testing, virtual instruction, digital textbooks, data management, and other technology needs.
- Funding must be provided for state initiatives such as digital content and online assessments (i.e. infrastructure, increased band width, hardware and support.)

FUNDING

Restore the authority for school boards to levy an additional .25 mills for critical operating or capital outlay needs, or both, without a referendum.

INSTRUCTIONAL

♦ Exempt any High Performing District from new mandates that would further reduce local control, such as differentiated accountability requirements.

HUMAN RESOURCES

- Allow local flexibility in the negotiation, design, and implementation of performance based salary plans in lieu of the single process provided by the Student Success Act (SB736) and provide additional state funding for this purpose.
- ♦ Protect the Florida Retirement System as it currently exists.

Ben Wortham, Superintendent

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