



# *2015 Legislative Priorities*

THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2015:

## **ACCOUNTABILITY**

- ◆ Provide no less than a three-year transition to July 1, 2017 for the accountability and measurement of the full implementation of the Florida Standards. This must include a three-year delay in the use of Florida Standards Assessment results to determine promotion, graduation, school grades, as well as teachers and administrator evaluation.
- ◆ 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 educators.

## **INSTRUCTIONAL**

- ◆ Modify the requirement to develop an EOC for those courses and grade levels not covered by a state wide assessment to allow districts the flexibility to utilize learning targets, performance benchmarks and other school or district measures in lieu of a course and grade specific examination for all courses and subjects in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

## **PERFORMANCE PAY**

- ◆ Provide for the implementation of teacher and principal evaluations and the performance pay salary schedule to be delayed for three years to allow for the transition to the new assessments and the establishment of baseline results.

## **FUNDING**

- ◆ Increase the Base Student Allocation to adequately fund school choice for students.
- ◆ Provide an add-on weighted FTE for completion of virtual and dual enrollment courses similar to what the state provides for Industry Certification and AP courses.
- ◆ Provide adequate funding for the growing need for maintenance and repair of district operated public schools.
- ◆ Provide recurring line item funding to support Florida Youth Challenge that serves non- FTE generating at-risk youth for the entire State of Florida.
- ◆ Continue to support funding of the Florida Department of Education Digital Classroom Plan.

### **Board Members**

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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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