2010 Legislative Priorities



THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2010:

FUNDING

- Enforce the Florida Constitution as it relates to the provision of adequate and equitable funding for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools.
- ♦ The 2 mill discretionary capital levy for public school districts should be reinstated. No portion of the 2 mill levy should be used as a revenue source for the FEFP.
- ♦ The Legislature should have a goal of meeting or exceeding the national average in per pupil appropriations over the next six (6) years.
- ♦ Review the sales tax structure for the purpose of identifying revenue to increase, and not supplant, state funding for K-12 public education.

INSTRUCTIONAL

- Develop a Reading subject area test to satisfy the Reading Endorsement requirement for Highly Qualified Teachers.
- ♦ Improve coordination and communication between the Department of Assessment and School Performance "Just Read Florida!" and the Department of Accountability, Research and Management to develop systems which are aligned, manageable and support school and district improvement efforts.
- Enact no laws affecting public education except for the purpose of making statutory corrections.
- School District operated Adult Education Centers should be funded based on the recommended Florida DOE fund model based on enrollment and performance.

School Board Members

Carol Vallencourt, Dist. I Carol Studdard, Dist. II Charles Van Zant, Jr., Dist. III Frank Farrell, Dist. IV Lisa Graham, Dist. V

Ben Wortham, Superintendent

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 a 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.



School District of Clay County

900 Walnut Street Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043

> Phone: (904) 272-8100 Fax: (904) 284-6525 Web: www.clay.k12.fl.us