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# *2011 Legislative Priorities*



THE FOLLOWING REPRESENT THE CLAY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD'S PRIORITIES FOR 2011:

## 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.
- ◆ Identify and approve revenue streams to compensate for the loss of Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act dollars and for the continuing decline of state and local revenues.
- ◆ Return the collection rate for property taxes from 96% to 95%.

## INSTRUCTIONAL

- ◆ Oppose any existing or new unfunded mandates.
- ◆ State funding must be provided for infrastructure, hardware, maintenance, internet connections and the band width increase that is needed for required on-line assessments.
- ◆ Return the Early Childhood Professional Certification form from the National CDA to ECPC as it appeared on the original CAPE funding list.

## HUMAN RESOURCES

- ◆ Protect the Florida Retirement System as it currently exists.

### **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*

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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 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.*



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