

# 2016 State Legislative Priority Positions

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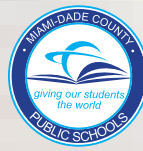
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## FUNDING:

- Increase the current per student funding of \$7,096.96 by 5 percent to \$7,452 total per student.
- Increase Safe Schools funding to pre-recessionary levels of \$77.1 million and revise formula so that each district gets 50 percent of its previous year's actual expenditures from the state.
- Increase Exceptional Student Education funding to pre-recessionary levels of \$1.1 billion.
- Modify the calculation of the FTE at 1.0 to exclude virtual courses taken during the summer and the proration of both ESE and ELL weights.
- Extend and fund a longer school year for all students.
- Support maximum flexibility in the use of funds appropriated.
- Oppose unfunded state mandates.

## PROPERTY TAX VALUATION:

Revise the Value Adjustment Board proceedings to require:

- Proof of the property owner's consent/knowledge of the appeal;
- Limit the rescheduling to only one for good cause;
- Payment of interest at the market rate;
- Require the VAB to finish all appeals and certify the final tax roll to the property appraiser (PA) by June 1st of each year;
- Allow school districts to audit the VAB and PA;
- Require a review by the state of PA's process when the PA's estimate on July 1st is two percent or more than the state estimate for three or more consecutive years

## CAPITAL FUNDING:

- Fully fund provisions of Florida Statute 1013.64 pertaining to the Public Education Capital Outlay Program that involve construction and maintenance programs of public school districts.
- Oppose any diversion of Local Discretionary Capital Outlay levy revenue from traditional public schools to charter schools.

## SREF FLEXIBILITY:

- Provide local school districts the flexibility to use the Florida Building Code in lieu of the State Requirements for Educational Facilities.

## ACCOUNTABILITY:

- Provide a transitional period for school, district accountability and teacher evaluation as the state transitions to a new assessment tool.
- Limit computer-based testing and provide a paper and pencil option
- Ensure that learning gains are factored into the school grade.

## ACADEMICS:

- Establish a state Seal of Biliteracy to recognize students who have attained proficiency in English and one or more world languages.

## SAFETY:

- Amend F.S. 514.011 to include a portable pool used exclusively for the purpose of providing swimming lessons or related instruction in support of an educational program provided by the local school board as a "private pool" for purposes of the exemptions provided under s. 514.0113.

## VIRTUAL EDUCATION:

- Modify the requirement to offer two instead of three different virtual offerings to students in every grade level.
- Eliminate the requirement for a student to have attended a public school in the state the prior year to be enrolled and reported by the school district for funding for virtual programs.