

LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES & ACCOUNTABILITY

We believe each student can learn at or above grade level and will have an equal opportunity to do so. **We urge legislators to...**

- * Establish and maintain a fair and consistent accountability measure that reconsiders primary schools and alternative schools.
- * Establish, maintain or enhance funding for all state-required programs or courses to include such focuses as computer science expansion into middle schools and innovative instruction opportunities through STEM/STEAM, Fine Arts, and Career and Technical Academies.
- * Increasing access to DECAL Pre-K programs, while also supporting district development of early Kindergarten and other Birth-5 learning initiatives.

FAMILY & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

We believe that family and community involvement is critical to student success. The community voice s enable rich participation in the most critical service a community can provide for young people. **We urge legislators to...**

- * Maintain local control of funding decisions, school calendars, and school day operations with the locally-elected Board of Education that is responsive to parents and community members.
- * Invest in community agencies to support students in foster care for basic needs such as medical services, dental services, and mental health services.

SUPPORTIVE, SAFE, & SECURE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

We believe that all learning environments should be supportive, safe, and secure. In order to have a positive experience and achieve at the highest levels, students and staff need to feel safe at the highest levels. **We urge legislators to...**

- * Revise the QBE allotment to include one School Resource Officer and one mental health professional at every school.
- * Invest in accompanying community agencies to address adult mental health.
- * Increase consequences for vaping and possession of any item, article, or substance which contains THC within a school safety zone.

SUPPORT EFFECTIVE TEACHERS & LEADERS

We believe effective teachers and leaders produce excellent results. Our employees need to feel secure and supported on all levels to perform at their highest ability. **We urge legislators to...**

- * Support and strengthen TRS as a recruiting tool and a way to retain high-quality teachers.
- * Address shortage of teachers by allowing retired educators to return to the classroom without jeopardizing their TRS benefits.

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