

2022 Legislative Priorities



Our mission is to inspire, educate, and prepare each student to achieve to high standards, contribute to our community, and thrive in a global society.

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Provide consistent, equitable, and ample educational resources

Fully fund basic education including the statewide shortfall in special education funding. Cover shortfalls from the COVID impact on funding formulas driven by enrollment and transportation ridership, including local levy caps. Fulfill the legislative commitment to increase the unrealistic staffing ratios contained in the Prototypical School Funding Model.

Invest in learning opportunities and the social-emotional needs of students and families

Provide additional resources to sustain and enhance extended learning options and social-emotional support for students. One-time federal investments will end, but needs such as early childhood education, extended day and summer school will continue. There is a continued need for behavior specialists, social workers, and online support services.

Advance equity in public education

Adequately fund public education so districts can provide each student with the resources they need to be successful. Fund diversity, equity, and inclusion training for all staff, not just teachers. Provide resources for remote learning connectivity, choice programs, as well as pay student fees for dual credit programs, PSAT/SAT, advanced placement testing, and college in the high school.

We recognize the 2021 legislature faced significant revenue shortfalls that were offset by a recovering economy and influx of federal funding. Federal relief funding will soon end, and State revenue projections are dramatically up. Now is the time to make significant investments to fully fund basic education and vital student supports established with federal relief dollars.