

## Legislative Affairs Department

Broward County Public Schools
I. Advisory Committee

- District Advisory Council

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- EVERY school in the state of Florida needs to have a nurse working in the school clinic, on campus, every day during school hours to provide healthcare services for students. The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends I nurse per 750 healthy students and I nurse per 225 students with complex health issues. Currently the state of FL has I nurse per 2,605 students and ranks 48th in our country for student per school nurse ratio. One in four schools in FL has no nurse at all. *The health and safety of students in our public schools needs to be a priority in the FL legislature. *Student achievement \& attendance is directly linked to students' health. *Today children have more chronic illnesses than ever before (asthma has increased $80 \%$ in the last I5 yrs.). *A school nurse can potentially increase learning gains by decreasing absenteeism through advocacy and education. *School districts can prevent costly litigation through better health services and protocols. *Access to healthcare during the school day should not be just for "some" of the kids. It needs to be for "ALL" of the kids.

3. What is your main STATE FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- I am sure that the Director of Health Services can provide figures for the exact funding needed.

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- N/A

5. What is your main FEDERAL FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- N/A

6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

- N/A
I. Advisory Committee
- Grants Administration

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- A more balanced approach to student assessments Eliminate the retention and holding of diplomas for students who are not successful on standardized tests More support for struggling students and ELLs (support services for students and their families)

3. What is your main STATE FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- Increase millage Early childhood education (VPK should be full day NOT 3 hours) Medicaid expansion

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- Universal Healthcare Policy that includes more support for working families with young children Higher wages and free paid training for early childhood professionals

5. What is your main FEERAL FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- Funding to support students struggling with standardized testing, ELLs, homeless and students with special needs Funding for social service programs for families with young children should increase Matching \$ requirement should be eliminated from highly competitive grants because it discourages applicants with fundraising challenges from applying.

6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

- Physical education should be increased to I hour a day as most pediatricians recommend.
I. Advisory Committee
- Broward Technical Colleges (Workforce Education Programs)

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- Continued support of the Technical Colleges and protection from any attempt to make us change our names back to Technical Centers.

3. What is your main STATE FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- Increase the amount of dollars allocated to Postsecondary Performance Incentive Funding for Industry Certifications from $\$ 4.5$ million to $\$ 6$ million statewide. Support the funding for the Florida Apprenticeship Grant (FLAG) in the amount of $\$ 3$ million to expand apprenticeship opportunities statewide.

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- Support the passage of the Act entitled "Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21 st Century".

5. What is your main FEDERAL FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- Re authorization of the Carl Perkins Act.

6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

- N/A
I. Advisory Committee
- Portfolio Services

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- Charter schools athletics choice

3. What is your main STATE FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- Potential local millage going to charter schools.

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- ESSA

5. What is your main FEDERAL FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- MSAP Competitive Federal Grant

6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

- Charter
i. Movement of one student from one MSID number to another in the same nested school to shift FSA score results should not be allowed and captured in statute.
ii. If a charter system/company has a D,F school in portfolio they should not be allowed to submit another charter application until the $D$ or $F$ school has increased to a $C$.
iii. If a charter school closes the taxpayer/district should be the first lien.
iv. The concept of a state Charter Institute to pre-approve a charter applicant for a district school system impinges on the rights of school board members to make local decisions.
v. Challenges with the state school grading system regarding alternative high schools. Begin a discussion on alternative schools shifting the grading criteria towards growth and percent of students earning a diploma and graduating. Local data systems have developed a way to track students toward graduation, suggest that the state review these systems for state wide application if the true goal of alternative high schools is to create more opportunity for students to graduate from high school.
vi. Surety Bond for new charters should be required for the first three years of implementation.
vii. Charter schools that take a district for an appeal should be required to post a cost bond to cover administrative judge/hearing expenses exacted on the district for use when the charter schools loses an appeal, Charter schools take districts through the DOAH process without having a ruling that showed there was just cause for denial or closure decision. These DOAH appeals cost the district thousands of dollars.
I. Advisory Committee
- CTACE

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- The high school grading formula for school grade considers the student who passes an industry certification as a potential gain to the school grade. Our item for consideration is if a high school student completes and passes the courses in a career and technical program of study ( 3 or more courses - referred to as concentrator) that the student's completion of the program be considered as part of the acceleration criteria in the high school grade calculation or bonus. Rationale: This allows all students the opportunity to be recognized for their passing a sequence of CTE courses i.e. engineering pathway, computer science pathway, whether they pursue an industry certification or not. This practice will encourage schools to articulate students into career pathways and not stress over testing, but rather career exploration and content quality.
- Second item is acceleration points for school grade are awarded for dual enrollment in high school. Is there a possibility for high school students who are technical dual enrolled with a technical college be considered in the acceleration criteria for school grade if the student passes this course.

3. What is your main STATE FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- N/A

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- Senate Bill 850 has a legislative intent that $75 \%$ of middle school students by 2018 pass a digital tool exam. If elementary school students pass a digital tool exam, can this count towards this legislative intent.
- Third item is the integration of career and technical courses and core subject area courses as a program of study when emphasis is on career readiness skills. An example of this is the proposal to integrate Introduction to Digital Information, Foundations of Computer Programming, and Advanced Placement Computer Science as a program of study, combining career and technical courses with advanced core courses to optimize the student's experience in learning relevant skills across all subject areas. (Dan you mentioned this as a potential legislative item at the luncheon we attended) I am not sure I captured the essence of what can be presented. Under statute 1003.4283 Requirements for a standard high school diploma has language in section (b) that indicates an integrated course can be determined as part of required courses (science, math)?

5. What is your main FEDERAL FUNDING priority for the upcoming year?

- N/A

6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

- NIA
I. Advisory Committee
- School Counseling \& BRACE

2. What's is your main STATE POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

- In the high school grading formula, schools earn points for students earning college credits in Advanced Placement, IB, AICE, Dual Enrollment, or Industry Certifications. Last year, HB 7029 began allowing students to earn high school credit for passing CLEP tests. CLEP allows students to "test out" of college classes and earn college credit. So, if high schools receive Acceleration points for all of the other ways that students earn college credits, then CLEP should also be awarded points in the accountability formula, too.

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- N/A

4. What is your main FEDERAL POLICY priority for the upcoming year?

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6. What are other state/federal legislative priorities that you would like to include?

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