MEMORANDUM

August 31, 2017



TO: The Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards

FROM: Roy M. Terry

President

SUBJECT: PROPOSED 2018 LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

Attached is the **proposed** 2018 Legislative Program of the Greater Florida Consortium of School Boards (GFCSB). The program is the result of a consortium legislative meeting held in Naples, Florida on August 24-25, 2017. Please forward the proposed program to your school board for its action.

The school board should adopt the entire package; however, only the "Priority Issues" and "Other Priority Issues" will be printed and distributed. The "Additional Issues" will be adopted to give our lobbyist direction as they may arise during the legislative process, but will not be printed in the priority program.

The three-highlighted-bold "Priority Issues" are ones that are of greater impact to the GFCSB.

Please remind your board that, under the consortium bylaws, if any board rejects any issue, that issue automatically is removed from the program. No item may be amended, but must be accepted or rejected, however an "Other Priority" issue may be moved to the "Additional Issue" document by the vote of one board.

Committee meetings begin this year on September 11, 2017 with the 60-day regular session beginning on January 9, 2018.

We will be scheduling an advocacy visit to Tallahassee during Committee Meetings on Wednesday, October 25, 2017. More information on this will be forwarded soon.

We will also be forwarding a plan for community involvement developed by Miami-Dade and a survey request for critical data.

We would appreciate your expediting action on the 2018 GFCSB Program so that we can move ahead in seeking support for the issues it contains.

Please send the results of your school board's action to tomcerra@gmail.com.

Thank you.

RMT:apw Attachments

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