



Legislative Affairs

2020 Legislative Update

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State 2020 Legislative Session*

*The state budget and most legislation have not been approved by the Governor and are subject to his veto.



Student Safety



HB 70- Alert System in Public Schools

- Requires each public school beginning with the 2021-2022 school year, to implement a mobile panic alert system known as “Alyssa’s Alert”, capable of connecting diverse emergency services technologies to ensure real-time coordination between multiple first responders.
- For the 2020-2021 fiscal year and subject to legislative appropriation, the Department of Education in consultation with the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Commission, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Division of Emergency Management is required to develop a competitive solicitation to contract for a mobile panic alert system, that maybe used by each school district.
- \$8 million appropriations for FLDOE to Implement.



HB 37- School Bus Safety

- Increases the minimum civil penalty for failure to stop for a school bus from \$100 to \$200.
- For a subsequent offense within a five-year period, DHSMV shall suspend the driver license of the person, for not less than six months and not more than one year.
- The bill also increases the minimum civil penalty for passing a school bus on the side that children enter and exit the bus from \$200 to \$400.
- For a subsequent offense within five-years period, DHSMV must suspend the driver license of the person, for not less than one year and not more than two years.



Vouchers and Charter Schools



HB 7067: Voucher Program

K-12 Scholarship Programs (Family Empowerment Scholarship Program):

- Revises initial scholarship eligibility criteria for the Family Empowerment Scholarship Program
- Requires that priority be given to students whose household income levels do not exceed a specified amount or who are in foster care or out-of-home
- Requires a scholarship-funding organization to refer students who did not receive a scholarship because of lack of funds to another scholarship-funding organization.

Financial impact to BPCS: From \$10 million in 2019-20 to possibility of \$20 million for the 2020-21 fiscal year.



HB 7097: Taxation

- Requires sharing capital outlay surtaxes with eligible charter schools for referendums approved after July 1, 2020.
- Establishes a back-to-school sales tax holiday from August 7 to August 9, 2020.



Student Health



HB 7011 K-12 Students Athletes

- Revises provisions relating to automated external defibrillators on school grounds, training related to CPR & defibrillators, FHSAA student athlete safety policies, & specified medical evaluations.



HB 81: Medicaid School-Based Services

- Revises provisions relating to reimbursement of school-based services by AHCA to certain school districts & private & charter schools; specifies that U.S. Department of Health & Human Services is authorized to waive certain school-based provider qualifications.



Additional Major Education Bills



HB 641: Articulated Acceleration Mechanisms In Education

- Removes a limitation on the number of semester credit hours a student may be awarded in certain programs.
- Revising the annual allocation to school districts to include an additional calculation of full-time equivalent membership for students who earn a College Board Advanced Placement Capstone Diploma beginning in a specified fiscal year.
- Creates the **Teacher Salary Allocation**.
- Deletes the **Best and Brightest Program**.
- Allows a delay of the ELA authorizing instructional materials adoption.



Additional Bills

- **SB 434** - Designation of School Grades. Modifies the high school acceleration component of the school grading model to add to the calculation students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses resulting in 300 or more clock hours.
- **SB 662** - School Grading System: Provides that a student whose parent is transferred or is pending transfer to a military installation within this state is considered a resident of the school district in which the military installation is located for the purpose of enrollment; revising the calculation of school grades for certain schools, etc.
- **SB 664** - Verification of Employment Eligibility. Requires public employers and their contractors and subcontractors to pre-service use E-Verify
- **SB 738** – Jury Service. Requiring that full-time students who meet specified criteria be excused from jury service upon request.
- **HB 1213** - Holocaust Education. Including certain instruction related to anti-Semitism in the required instruction relating to the Holocaust; providing school district and Department of Education requirements relating to such instruction; authorizing the department to seek input from certain entities for specified purposes relating to such instruction; authorizing the department to contract with specified entities to develop specified training and resources relating to such instruction.



Budget



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Florida Education Finance Program	\$179 increase in per-student funding BCPS per-student funding: \$7,804 **
Base Student Allocation	\$40 per-student
Teacher Salary Increase Allocation	\$500 million state-wide (\$47 million for BCPS): 80% of the total allocation is provided to increase the minimum base salary for full-time classroom teachers plus certified prekindergarten teachers funded in the FEFP to at least \$47,500, or to the maximum amount achievable. 20% of the total allocation, plus any remaining funds from the district's share of the 80% allocation can be used for other teachers.
Safe Schools Allocation	\$180 million state-wide (level funding)
Mental Health Assistance Allocation	\$100 million (33% increase) state-wide
Digital Classrooms Allocation	\$8 million (\$12 million decrease) state-wide
Florida Retirement System	HB 5007 increases the employer contribution rate. Financial Negative Impact to BCPS \$21 million
Special Session **	A Special Session will likely be held to adjust the 2020-21 budget due to COVID-19's impact on state revenue.



Capital/Additional Funding

PECO:

Public: \$0 Charter: \$169 million

This funding will not require school districts to share discretionary millage with charter schools

School Hardening:

\$42 million state-wide has been allocated to the Department of Education for school hardening grants.

Additional Funding:

\$800,000 for BCPS Adults with Disabilities

Workforce: BCPS received an increase of \$781,000 (second largest amount in the State).



Federal Stimulus Bills



Congress' Response to COVID-19

Phase 1	H.R. 6074- Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Acts, 2020 : \$8 billion to address research and public health strategies for the coronavirus
Phase 2	H.R. 6201- Families First Coronavirus Response Act : includes provisions addressing emergency food assistance including waiver and funding authority for school meal programs, free coronavirus testing, expanded Family and Medical protected leave and paid leave including tax credits for some employers (schools districts are not eligible), extended unemployment insurance, and increased Medicaid reimbursement for states.
Phase 3(a)	Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (the "CARES Act") : \$2 trillion, includes an Education Stabilization Fund of \$30 billion of which \$13 billion is provided for K-12 education, \$14 billion for higher education, and \$3 billion for each governor's discretionary use.
Phase 3(b)	Additional funds were passed for the CARES Act to fund Paycheck Protection Program (\$310 billion), Hospitals (\$75 billion), and COVID-19 Testing (\$25 billion).
Phase 4	Pending: BCPS is working with the congressional delegation to include additional funds for K-12.



Congress' Response to COVID-19

- \$13 billion (\$770 million for FL) K-12 allotment will be distributed to states based on their Title I allocation with 90% of the state allocation pass-through to school districts again based on their share of Title I allotments (estimated \$60 million for BCPS).
- \$3 billion (\$173 million for FL) for each governor's discretionary use.
- The K-12 funds can be used for any allowable purpose authorized under ESEA, IDEA, Perkins CTE, or McKinney-Vento homeless authorities, as well as for preparedness and response, needs of individual schools, sanitation supplies, planning for upcoming months, technology purchasing, mental health services, summer and after school activities including online, and "other activities that are necessary to maintain the operation of and continuity of services and continuing to employ existing staff of the local educational agency.
- States are required to maintain state support for K-12 education for FY 2020 and FY2021 at the average of the preceding three fiscal years effort, although the Secretary of Education is authorized to waive that requirement.



Outreach



Local Outreach

BCPS Legislative/Governmental Affairs Update for Sunday, April 19, 2020 (MAYORS)

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Dear Municipal Partners,

Here is your "BCPS Legislative/Governmental Affairs Update" for Sunday, April 19, 2020.

This update contains the following information:

- **BCPS Superintendent Weekly Update as of April 18, 2020**
 Here is the link to the April 18, 2020 Weekly Update. There is a tremendous amount of important information shared this week. Click here to watch - <https://education.tv/f7mD0mg0> (To the right of the video is a "SAVE" button. By clicking it, you can download it as an MP4).

- **Distance Learning Extended for Rest of School Year- Superintendent Runcie's Announcement on Twitter**



I support Governor Desantis decision that Florida K-12 schools will continue with distance learning for the remainder of the 2019-20 school year. It's the right thing to do as the safety of our students, teachers and staff is the highest priority. @browardschools #COVID



Some Information in Preparation to this Morning's Conference Call - MAYORS

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In preparation for this morning's COVID-19 Mayors Conference Call, please click on the links below to access information that will assist in answering many of your concerns.

Letter from Superintendent Runcie Regarding the Temporary Closure of BCPS

- <https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/F101803656/Centricity/Domain/13457/Coronavirus%20for%20Website%20March%2013.pdf>

Superintendent's News Conference from March 13, 2020

- <https://becon.education.tv/directplayer.aspx?u=35V13w77Tmde61hstXRHfBhsIKHGrgMChjMlyQ96253d>

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) COVID-19 Self-Isolation Form for staff, parents, students, vendors, volunteers and other community members.

- <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=7W57nBTWEOagN4PjUXUHOH5tuzT8q038pL94KUNdVBMVBFtSMTRtGtEKRlXtRINRW4M4WQIQcNPWwU>

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the COVID-19

- <https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/F101803656/Centricity/Domain/13457/Novel%20Coronavirus%20FAQS.pdf>

Always know that for any information you may need you can always access our Coronavirus (COVID-19) Webpage at <https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus>

Talk to you all at 10:45am - Angel

SBBC Legislative/Governmental Affairs
 @bcps_gov

Major Food Distribution Event this Friday, April 17 (9am-11am) at Mills Pond Park, Being Offered by the Cities of @FTLCityNews, @CityOaklandPark and @WiltonManorsCty - Click on this Link to See More Details: imgfl.com/food-distribu...

Food Distribution

Three Broward cities are banding together for a major food distribution event

April 16, 2020 by Kevin Kamins

The collaborative efforts of three Broward County cities are banding together for a major food distribution event at Mills Pond Park and Wilton Manors City from 9 to 11 a.m. at Mills Pond Park.

Thank You @MYHBeach City of Hallandale Beach Educational Advisory Board Members for Allowing me to Work with You! @browardschools is Very Thankful for Your Partnership and Your Endless Support of All Schools and Students!



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Constant Communication with All Local Stakeholders

SBBC PRESS CONFERENCE TODAY (3/13) at 4:00PM (ELECTEDS)

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Fr 3/13/2020 3:30 PM

Update on District Plans in Response to Coronavirus LIVE NEWS CONFERENCE AT 4 P.M.



WEDNESDAY - Friday, March 13, 2020, at 4 p.m.
 Watch the News Conference Live

browardschools.com/newsroom_or/becon.tv/
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Thank you @kellistargel for including a Teacher Salary Increase Allocation in your bill! Thank you for also including other staff members that our critical to the success of our students; such as social workers, guidance counselors, & others in the allocation!@browardschools



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April 13, 2020

The Honorable Frederica Wilson
United States House of Representatives
2445 Rayburn House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Wilson:

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students and faculty with str-
pandemic.

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priorities be included in any forthcom-

Thank you for your consideration
dedication and support of our stude-

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

C: School Board and Cabinet Members

On behalf of the School Board of Broward County, our students, teachers, and administrators, I am writing to thank you for your efforts to secure significant support for the nation's public schools in the recently enacted CARES Act. As Congress begins negotiations on a fourth relief package, we strongly request the inclusion of additional robust funding allocations to support school districts such as ours by providing our students and faculty with strong levels of educational and support services during the pandemic.

Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) remains committed to supporting the educational needs of our students and families, thus the \$13B in K-12 funds (\$30B overall for K-20) provided by the CARES Act is an important first step. In the last economic downturn (the Great Recession) Congress provided \$100B for K-20, which was critical in maintaining educational services and jobs for the school districts. The funding provided by Congress now is equally as critical in maintaining educational services and jobs due to the national economic shutdown caused by the pandemic.

Like most school districts across the country, the pandemic will likely force our current district-wide closure to be extended to the end of this school year. As such, it is of the utmost importance that the K-12 funding provided by the CARES Act be distributed in a timely manner so we can begin to immediately put these critical funds to use. We ask that Congress work closely with the Department of Education so that the disbursement of the CARES Act funding and the issuance of clear guidance provide maximum flexibility.

As BCPS continues to navigate the unprecedented situation created by COVID-19, it is critical that Congress continue to support elementary and secondary priorities. To that end, we ask your support for including the following key provisions in any forthcoming stimulus package:

➤ As BCPS shifts to educating our students via remote learning, it is critical for the federal government to provide significant funding to support these efforts and enhance educational technology capabilities to ensure the success of these learning systems. To that end, we strongly support the inclusion of \$50B in flexible funding to support school districts, as proposed in the recently introduced House stimulus bill (*Take Responsibility for Workers and Families Act, H.R. 6379*.) This funding would be a

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April 17, 2020

The Honorable Betsy DeVos
Secretary of Education
400 Maryland Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20202

Dear Secretary DeVos:

I am writing on behalf of The School Board of Broward County, Florida to urge the Department of Education to expedite the disbursement of more than \$13 billion designated for the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund in the recently enacted Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security, or CARES Act (P.L. 116-136). As Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) continues to navigate the unprecedented situation created by the coronavirus, it is imperative that this funding is allocated in a timely manner and that the Department of Education issues clear guidance providing maximum flexibility for school districts to address their unique needs.

On March 13, 2020, in the interest of safeguarding our students, staff, families and the greater Broward County community against the coronavirus, we made the difficult but necessary decision to temporarily close our schools. Following guidance from the Florida Department of Education, we extended this closure through May 1, 2020. BCPS executed its learning continuity plan by shifting to educating our students via remote learning, with online instruction beginning on March 30, 2020 for all students. In preparation for this transition we distributed more than 82,000 laptops to students who needed them. During our first week, approximately 15,000 teachers and 220,000 students from District-managed schools participated in remote online learning.

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districts have the greatest flex-
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capacity to serve the nation's sch-
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Thank you for attention to these
with you and your staff to best m-
these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Runcie
Superintendent of Schools

C: School Board and Cabinet Members

While we continue to consult with appropriate public health officials regarding the further extension of the closure of our schools, it is likely that this closure will extend to the end of this school year. It is of the utmost importance that the K-12 funding provided by the CARES Act be distributed within a timeframe to be able to support to these ongoing efforts, which include funding for enhanced educational technology capabilities, to ensure the success of these learning systems.

As Congress acted decisively to provide school districts with critical funding to help meet the needs of our students during these challenging times, the Department of Education

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