











CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

2009 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

In order to meet its Constitutional, paramount duty to provide a uniform, efficient, safe, secure and high quality system that allows students to obtain a high quality education, the Legislature must address new ways to generate and dedicate adequate funding for public schools.

-  Refrain from making any additional budget cuts to PreK-12 education.
-  Increase per-student funding to meet or exceed the national average in per-student expenditures and to improve the salaries of teachers.
-  Recognize and fund inflationary and fixed costs to school districts.
-  Pass no laws creating mandates that impact school funding, programs, or instructional time, and hold in abeyance changes to high school graduation rate calculations and school grading.
-  Provide full funding and flexibility for the final phase of Class Size Reduction compliance.
-  Pass no laws that infringe upon the Constitutional authority of school boards to supervise and operate public schools.
-  Strengthen the state school accountability plan by increasing the focus on student learning gains and recognizing other levels of achievement by schools and school districts.
-  Review and revise school transportation statutory language related to funding and safety to insure statutory and administrative provisions provide for the safety and needs of students and families.
-  Fund professional development for instructional personnel, administrators, classified employees, and school board members.
-  Restore full funding for AP/IB programs.