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## SUSTAIN THE EDUCATION TRUST FUND (ETF)

### ETF and Sustainable Funding

- Commit to Advancement and Technology (ATF) funds.
- Lower ADM requirement for assistant principal and counselor earned units.
- Provide a sustained ETF line item to enhance school safety.
- Establish a funding source to reimburse school systems and personnel participating in state-approved professional development.

### Fund Capital Outlay with One-Time Surplus

- Create a sinking fund for capital improvements systems can use when needed.



## ACCOUNTABILITY FOR TAXPAYER FUNDS

### School Vouchers - Lack of Accountability

- Oppose any private school voucher programs that do not meet minimum academic standards as recognized by the legislature, lack transparency, and/or are financially irresponsible.

### School Vouchers - Program Standards

- Establish minimum academic standards for any such private school voucher programs to ensure objective accountability and transparency for the use of public funds for private homeschool options, which do not currently follow state standards or have standardized requirements.
- Define clear timelines, reporting requirements, and allowable uses of public state funds for current year genuine education expenses and not recreational or general family uses.
- Limit scope to students who meet Alabama Accountability Act eligibility requirements:
  - Household income does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty level.
  - Preference is given to students zoned for priority schools.

### ADM for Non-Public School CTE Enrollment

- Allow school boards to receive partial or prorated ADM or reimbursement for private school student enrollment in career and technical education programs.



## STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

### Update Board Compensation

- Increase the maximum compensation local school board members may receive per month, with board action required.
- Incent compliance for required education and training credits to be completed annually pursuant to the School Board Governance Improvement Act.
- Retain the law’s provision to allow board members to refuse any compensation.

### Support Local Authority

- Authorize flexibility in policy and funding items to meet student, staff, and community needs.
- Preserve local school board authority by rejecting efforts which limit or remove authority and autonomy in the following areas: local policy, curriculum and instruction, health and safety, student discipline.
- Support legislation appointing superintendents.

### Clarify Alabama’s Simplified Seller Use Tax (SSUT)

- Ensure public schools receive the same share of SSUT as sales taxes at the local level.

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