

LEGISLATIVE & POLICY AGENDA





FUND K-12 WORKFORCE & INFRASTRUCTURE

Address Teacher Shortage and Retention

- Invest in sustainable salary increases
- Modify Tier II benefits
- · Support quality professional pathways

Invest in Technology Staff and Framework

- Build statewide broadband access
- Fund full-time school personnel to operate, maintain and protect system network and technology

Revise K-12 Funding Formula in Foundation Program

- Incorporate school system growth as a factor in the funding formula
- Revamp Other Current Expense (OCE) to reflect actual cost of personnel salaries and operational costs
- Include a hold-harmless provision for COVID enrollment shift



CLARIFY ALABAMA'S SIMPLIFIED SELLER USE TAX (SSUT)

Ensure Public Schools Receive Local Share

 Require cities and counties to disburse local SSUT revenue to schools under the same formula as local school sales taxes



STRENGTHEN LOCAL GOVERNANCE & AUTHORITY

Enact Building Exceptional School Board Teams (B.E.S.T.) Act

- Prepare candidates for school board service
- Promote quality local school board leadership
- Establish structure and a fair process to enforce reasonable compliance with requirements of the Act

Appoint County School Superintendents

 Adopt the local education governance model used in all but two states in the nation

Support Local Authority

- Authorize flexibility in policy and funding items to meet student, staff and community needs
- Reject efforts to place restrictions on individual community authority to set school start and end dates



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