



## **Lakeland School System 2018 Legislative Agenda**

### **Local Control of Schools**

We believe that local BOEs are best equipped and informed to make decisions that address the needs and challenges of their individual schools. In keeping with that principle, we take the following positions:

**Support HB1051/SB617:** The right to use the ACT or SAT Suite of Tests in lieu of TCAP end-of-year assessments.

**Support SB204/HB263:** Limiting state-mandated testing times based on grade level.

**Support SB1166/HB915:** The flexibility to decide how to advertise for the sale of surplus property.

**Support SB1804/HB1549:** The exemption of out-of-state teachers, under certain conditions, from taking an assessment to receive a license.

**Oppose SB340/HB570, SB508/HB475:** Director of Schools as an elected, rather than appointed, position.

### **Funding**

We strongly urge the General Assembly to fully fund the Basic Education Program as it currently stands and not add any unfunded mandates. We take the following positions on funding:

#### **Publicly Funded Vouchers—SB380/HB336, SB395/HB460**

We oppose any voucher program or any similar legislation that would divert money intended for public schools.

#### **RTI<sup>2</sup> Positions—SB481/HB501**

We support funding for additional Response to Instruction and Intervention positions.

#### **School Nurses—SB534/HB503**

We support amending the BEP formula to fund more full-time nurses in public schools.

#### **College Credit Examination Fees—SB249/HB97**

We support funding for college credit examination fees and career/technical certification or licensure examination fees.

### **Modify Public Chapter 680**

We support the modification of Public Chapter 680 to allow the Department of Education to work with stakeholders in developing an accountability system that meets the requirements of the Every Student Succeeds Act without stigmatizing schools and students.