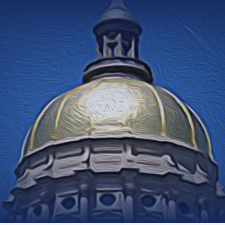


# PAULDING COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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## LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES 2022

### STATE FUNDING OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

**PRIORITY:** Eliminate “austerity reductions” and fully fund the Quality Basic Education (QBE) formula.

**PRIORITY:** Formula modifications to QBE to accurately reflect inflation and the true costs of public education, including academic, behavioral, physical and mental health, transportation, and safety and security. District engagement when new funding methodologies are considered and a one-year delay in implementation when bills reduce funding or place a financial burden on local school districts.

**PRIORITY:** Encourage the continuance of the Equalization Grant and its funding methodology to support low wealth districts.

**PRIORITY:** Increase Capital Outlay for student enrollment growth.

### PROGRAM FUNDING

**PRIORITY:** Provide funding for technology budgets, providing for personnel, infrastructure, and equipment considerations, for all state technology-based mandates including funding school based instructional technology specialists.

**PRIORITY:** Provide funding for the expansion of virtual education, innovative educational opportunities, instructional resources, and technology infrastructure for today’s classrooms.

**PRIORITY:** Bring student transportation funding in line with actual cost.

**PRIORITY:** Review antiquated special education funding formulas and flawed allocation methodologies.

### MAINTAIN LOCAL CONTROL OF PUBLIC EDUCATION

**PRIORITY:** Maintain local boards of education power to govern local public schools, including matters of setting local millage rates, setting policy, making instructional delivery and resource decisions, and establishing school calendars.

**PRIORITY:** Approve local legislation to lower age for property tax exemption for Paulding County seniors.

### STUDENT/STAFF SAFETY

**PRIORITY:** Provide state funding for one school nurse per school.

**PRIORITY:** Provide the funding for one School Resource Officer (SRO) per school.

**PRIORITY:** Provide state funding to decrease the school counselor to student ratio from 1:450 to 1:250 as nationally recommended.

**PRIORITY:** Provide funding for appropriate school personnel to provide access to high quality academic, behavioral, and mental health supports.

**PRIORITY:** Provide school districts with appropriate resources to maintain a safe and secure environment for students and staff.

### RECRUITING AND RETAINING STAFF

**PRIORITY:** Support efforts to protect and strengthen Georgia Teacher Retirement System (TRS).

**PRIORITY:** Fully fund the remaining teacher raise commitment.

**PRIORITY:** Permit retired educators to serve children full-time in high-need teaching positions.