Florida State Board of Education
2020-21 Education Budget Request
(presented September 19, 2019)

$50/student increase is Base Student Allocation ($15.6 million from Categoricals)
- Eliminating Declining Enrollment ($8 million)
- Phasing-out State-Funded Discretionary ($23.8 million; FAU & FSU Lab schools & Virtual)

Increase (by cutting $945 million from Categoricals):
- $25 million increase in Mental Health Assistance (students to mental health counselors ratio)
- $12.8 million increase in Teacher Professional Development
- $200k increase to Liability Insurance for Teachers who are Guardians
- $42 million increase for Gardiner Scholarships
- $2.4 million increase to Reading Scholarship Accounts
- $12.8 million increase for VPK (higher Base Student Allocation)
- $760.8 million for School Readiness Services (high-quality childcare)
- $8 million for School Safety (emergency services communications)
- $5.5 million to modernize DOE Mainframe for Student Data

Maintain (no negative impact, hold harmless):
- $284,500,000 for Best & Brightest Teachers & Principals
- $40 million for Schools of Hope
- Categoricals for Transportation, School Safety, Mental Health, Literacy & Workforce Ed

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HOT TOPICS
Expansion Options, Teacher Pay, Sanctions
District Cost Differential, CTE & Career Pathways, Local Control
Overall Funding, Kindergarten Readiness

MISSION: Educate all students for success
VISION: A dynamic educational system of excellence

2020 Legislative Priorities
Approved by School Board on August 20, 2019
Presented to Treasure Coast Delegation on September 12, 2019
1. **Safe Schools and Mental Health:** support continuation of school safety/security and mental health state funding and adopt the MSD Public Safety Commission recommendation to allow districts to levy up to .5 mills (formerly available for capital outlay) to:
   - expedite school building security upgrades;
   - fund additional school safety officers beyond that minimally required;
   - fund a reduction of school counselor to student ratios with emphasis at the elementary level toward a goal of 1:250;
   - include a financial incentive for individuals to pursue the postgraduate level degree/s required for mental health and school counseling; and
   - fund an increase in the number of behavioral health personnel.

**Martin County:**
- Sales Tax: Capital funding to expedite safety hardening at schools
- Millage: Extra School Resource Officer at all 3 high schools & 2 ELC's
- Millage: Add'l Guidance Counselor at all 3 high schools
- Mental Wellness Plan: Cost $2.6 million; $541,000 from State ($75 million)

2. **Teacher Recruitment/Retention:** increase options to attract and retain instructional personnel including:
   - fund at least a 3% salary increase for teachers and other employees for FY20 and establish a multi-year commitment to bring Florida up to the national teacher salary average;
   - provide tuition waivers and/or scholarships (SB382, 2019 Session) to cover education costs with the requirement of employment for a given number of years (e.g., 3-5);
   - allowing teachers and other instructional personnel to be teacher employed after one month of retirement as part-time or substitute employees; and
   - eliminate duplication and consolidate certification and re-certification requirements (i.e., ESE, ESOL, Reading, etc., that now total over 600 hours).

**Martin County:**
- Millage: 77% ($8+ million) based on experience ($1,800; $5,000; $7,800)
- St Lucie & Palm Beach both have similar funding

3. **K-12 funding:** minimally, provide FY21 funding for:
   - K-12 enrollment and workload (legislation program requirements); at least a 3% increase for teachers and other employees for FY20 and establish a multi-year commitment to bring Florida up to the national per pupil expenditure average;
   - guarantee the Base Student Allocation (BSA) as a base level for all districts;
   - safe schools and school counselor funding as noted in #1; and
   - closely monitor the study provided in SB2502 (2019) for implications; oppose any legislative change to the current formula that would negatively impact Treasure Coast districts unless there is a minimum 3-year “hold harmless” put in place.

**Martin County:**
- Millage: $11+ million/year for 4 years (2019-20 is 2nd year; $600 per student)
  (for Safety & Security, Mental Health, Teachers, Training, Academics)

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4. **Early Childhood Education:** monitor implementation of HB1027 (2019) and Governor DeSantis’ direction to FLDOE to:
   - enhance the state investment in developmentally appropriate, high quality early learning, and Voluntary Pre-kindergarten (VPK) to fund optional full day programs; and
   - provide valid pre and post (beginning of year and year-end) paper-based state assessment system in measuring student kindergarten readiness.

Further, Voluntary PreKindergarten (VPK) funding should be restored from the current $2437 to the original FY05 level of $2500 plus the same 3% requested in the FEFP (note: if state VPK funding had kept pace with the K-12 Base Student Allocation, the FY20 appropriation would be $4279.49/3-hour or 16.6% above FY05).

**Martin County:**
- Information From Florida Chamber of Commerce on the Florida Scorecard
  - Kindergarten Readiness: State 53% declining, Martin 47% declining
- Martin County Kindergarten Student Enrollment: 1,237
- VPK: 540 hrs/school yr or 300 hrs/summer FREE instruction for 4 & 5 yr olds
- Martin County VPK at 10 Elementary Schools (not Seawind or Pinewood): 228
- Low 300 School (Port Salerno Elem): 100% Econ Disadv, 85.3% Minority

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