

Florida SouthWestern State College
2020 Legislative Priorities
DOE Florida College System Legislative Budget Request

Florida College System

“The Florida College System mission is to provide access to high-quality, affordable academic and career education programs that maximize student learning and success, develop a globally competitive workforce and respond rapidly to diverse state and community needs.”

The Florida College System Program Fund Request is estimated to increase the operational support for **FSW with \$2.6 M in recurring operating funds**. This increase is due in large part to the proposed equitable allocation of funds based on students served, as opposed to previous formulas that historically lead to underfunding.

Funding provided will be invested in the following goals to Support Student Success Initiatives:

- Increase graduation rate and student retention by implementing a Student Advising Caseload Management Plan over three years
- Reduce student debt by intensive advising to reduce the chance of unnecessary courses adding to the amount of time to obtain a degree
- Hire additional full-time faculty in workforce areas to expand and establish programs
- Hire additional full-time faculty to develop more 2+2 partnerships between institutions
- Provide a safe and secure learning environment by increasing resources dedicated to public safety and mental health.

Public Education Capital Outlay (PECO) Funding for Renovations to Two Existing Classroom Buildings on the State Approved Project Priority List

\$9,412,491 Renovate Lee Campus Technology Building

\$9,856,145 Renovate Collier Campus, Buildings E & F

- These facilities, constructed in the 1980s and early 1990s, are due for major renovations that will address safety/security upgrades, improvements to building environmental systems, modernization of technology, and classroom reconstruction to increase utilization of existing space. This request includes funds needed to address the External Foam Insulation System (EFIS) on the Collier Campus which represents an ongoing maintenance concern.
- These renovations align existing classroom facilities with STEM programs with a whole-building renovation of our primary classroom space for the delivery of technology programs

Restore PECO Funding for building maintenance based on the “Sum-of the Digits” allocation formula developed by DOE pursuant to s. 1013.60 – FSW FY19 allocation \$925,337