



Real Solutions that Improve Student Learning!

2020 Legislative Agenda

1. Support Governor DeSantis' Executive Order 19-32 to write world class standards and adopt aligned curriculum. These distinctively Florida standards and curriculum must focus on teaching the academic basics of reading, writing, math and civics while eliminating Social Emotional Learning.

As you review Commissioner Corcoran's recommended standards, we urge you to remember the Commissioners own words. "Statewide we have 58% of our third graders can read at grade level. It's horrific"

That means we are failing to teach 42% of our third graders to read. Clearly our Florida students deserve better.

2. Expand parental choice options and eligibility for the Gardiner, Hope, Tax Credit and Family Empowerment Scholarships.

Specifically, we support clarifying the eligibility for a Hope scholarship to include offenses against a child from any student or adult.

3. Make public schools safe for every child.

We support expanding eligibility for a Hope scholarship to include failure to provide a safe school environment. This is one way to give parents a voice in the implementation of Senate Bill 7030, now Statute 2019-22.

4. Improve the legal definition of Instructional Materials used in public schools as textbooks and online, supplemental and library materials.

If materials, will be used in a classroom, then those materials should be defined as Instructional Materials.

5. Strengthen Florida's statutes to protect minors in our schools from exposure to pornographic material. Our children must be legally protected from harmful materials.

We would like to read for you excerpts from some of the books our teams discovered in Florida public schools. But we would be embarrassed, and you would be very uncomfortable. These books are clearly harmful to minors.

Protect our children! Please, do everything possible to rid our schools of these harmful materials and keep them out forever.

6. Incentivize failing school districts to adopt alternative models such as proven IDEA schools and Hillsdale's Barney program.

When a child loses a year of education, he or she loses it forever. We must take that loss to heart and fix failing schools.

7. Advocate for alternate authorizers of K-12 public schools.

When school districts are unable to fix their failing schools, we must provide an alternative for our students.

8. Align teacher certification with Florida's new world class standards and curriculum.

An outstanding and well-prepared teacher is a vital key to educating our children. We support aligning teacher preparation with the improved standards and curriculum we expect them to use.

Our team would love to meet with you individually to explain our concerns and the solutions we present to you today.

We ask for your support of our Legislative Agenda because Florida kids deserve better!

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