

**Florida SouthWestern State College**  
**2021 Legislative Priorities**  
**(Florida Department of Education - Florida College System Legislative Budget Request)**

The **Florida College System Program Fund Request** is contained in the **FDOE Legislative Budget Request for 2021-2022**. This year there is no proposed increase, rather there is a compelling need to maintain the Florida College System existing capacity which will in turn sustain **Florida SouthWestern State College's** ability to serve over 20,000 students across our 5-county region.

**Funding provided will sustain in the following goals to Support Student Success Initiatives:**

- Increase graduation rates and student retention through Student Advising Caseload Management and to maximize the 2+2 partnerships with the State University System
- Reduce student debt by intensive advising to reduce the chance of unnecessary courses adding to the amount of time to obtain a degree
- Maintain full-time faculty in workforce areas to expand access to certificate programs
- Maintain support for High School student's Dual Enrollment and related materials  
Provide a safe and secure learning environment by increasing resources dedicated to public safety and mental health.

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

- \$9,062,157 Renovate Lee Campus, Technology Building,
- \$7,720,382 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.

These funds are the recurring source of support, historically formula driven, and designated to maintain the colleges 3 full campuses and 2 centers across the 5-county region.

**Restore Florida Integrated Library System funding** (*Governor vetoed*) that provides shared resources and efficiency for all State Colleges and State Universities. FSW funding loss is

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\$315,000 this year.

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