



SAFE SCHOOLS' ALLOCATION

PROPOSAL

Support an increase in the Safe Schools' Allocation in the Florida Education Finance Program to ensure funds are available for student safety initiatives.

Present Situation and Rationale

- Safe Schools' Allocations are based on the specific area crime index and student population. The funding received has not kept up with the current cost to help fund School Resource Officers in schools based on an ongoing increase in personnel-related costs. Despite current Safe Schools' funding, the District still makes significant contributions from the General Fund: \$1.3 million in FY21, \$1.6 million in FY22, and \$1.4 million in FY23.

Impact of Proposed Change

- Additional funding in the Safe Schools' Allocation will allow more dollars from the General Fund to be allocated toward other security measures and/or to increase School Resource Officer presence in schools based on the increase in student population and disciplinary referrals.

Historical Perspective

- The costs associated with school safety increase annually with the combination of personnel costs, student population increases, and additional schools being built in Lee County.

History of the SDLC Safe Schools' Allocation

	Safe Schools' Allocation	School General Fund	Total
FY20	\$5,087,703	\$514,611	\$5,602,214
FY21	\$5,010,301	\$1,279,266	\$6,289,567
FY22	\$5,101,561	\$1,604,461	\$6,706,022
FY23	\$6,055,085	\$1,403,431	\$7,458,516

Statute Impacted

- Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act - SB 590

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