



# 2024 DEREGULATIONS

## PROPOSAL

**Support legislation and budget initiatives that provide school districts with additional flexibility, reduces unnecessary duplicative and burdensome administrative requirements, and encourages further innovative student achievement pathways.**

- Provide all schools with the same level of flexibility as high performing districts and charter schools.
- Ensure funds follow the student between school choice options in a timely manner. The school(s) that provide services should be awarded the funds and if the student attends multiple schools the funds should fairly be prorated between schools.
- Eliminate the “Cost per Student Station” as this number is no longer a realistic and fair number for the variance between school districts.
- Amend Florida Statute 1012.56 to provide Superintendents with the statutory flexibility to determine whether a classroom teacher may be retained for an extended period if the teacher has not yet passed the General Knowledge Exam within a 5% passage rate window.
- Provide Superintendents with the flexibility necessary to increase teacher compensation based on years of teaching experience.
- Amend Florida Statute 1012.22(1)(c)3 to provide district school boards flexibility to award advanced degree supplements to instructional personnel or school administrators hired on or after July 1, 2011, regardless of the individual’s area of certification. The recommended change would allow educators to receive recognition and compensation for all advanced degrees and help support educator recruitment and retention.
- Amend Florida Statute 1003.433 to allow students who have been enrolled in an English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) program for less than two school years and have met all requirements for the standard high school diploma except for the passage of the B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC assessment requirement, to have the same opportunity offered to the students not passing the standardized grade 10 English Language Arts assessment, to meet the requirement to pass the statewide B.E.S.T. Algebra 1 EOC assessment, by “satisfactorily demonstrating grade-level expectations on formative assessments, in accordance with state board rule,” as shown on Florida Statute 1003.433(3)(b).
- Remove the four-year millage limitation to allow the voters the opportunity to support public school improvements for up to 10 years.

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