PER PUPIL FUNDING

PROPOSAL

Support the increase of per student funding by at least 5%, from $8,933 in FY24 to $9,380 in FY25, to further ensure that our students are provided the educational programs and services required to improve student achievement, to increase teacher compensation, and to enhance cybersecurity threat mitigation services including Security Education, Training, and Awareness (SETA) programs.

Present Situation and Rationale

- When compared to other states, Florida's total per-pupil funding ranking is 44, which reflects more than $3,000 per pupil less than the median.

Impact of Proposed Change

- The increase in Florida's per-pupil funding by at least 5%, from $8,933 in FY24 to $9,380 in FY25, will support competitive salaries for educators, improve recruitment and retention, create safe learning environments, accelerate student academic performance, reduce class size, enhance cybersecurity threat mitigation services, expand mental health and well-being support services, provide funding to support the State's mandates not currently paid for, and funding for supplemental curriculum and resources, such as healthy living and comprehensive health.

Historical Perspective

- In 2019-2020, The School District of Lee County's (SDLC) per student funding was $7,788. As of FY23, the SDLC's per student funding was $8,553. Over the last five years, SDLC has seen an increase of $1,145 in its per student funding, only a 15% increase.

YEAR	PER STUDENT FUNDING
2019-2020	$7,788
2020-2021	$8,140
2021-2022	$8,033
2022-2023	$8,553
2023-2024	$8,933

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