



Broward County Public Schools

119th Congress Federal Legislative Priorities

Broward County Public Schools will advocate for legislation consistent with School Board policy.

Federal Education Resources:

- Support the preservation of programs currently funded through the Department of Education.
- Enhance and maintain resources for federal education programs including Title I for disadvantaged students; Title II for improving teacher and principal training and recruiting; Title III for English Language Learners; and 21st Century Community Learning Centers.
- Fully fund the commitment to allocate 40 percent of the national per pupil average expenditure to implement the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations Bill.
- Preserve the funding and reimbursement structure for Medicaid, specifically those payments to schools for qualifying services provided to students with disabilities.
- Support the Apprenticeship and Jobs Training Act or similar legislation that will provide tax incentives to businesses that offer apprenticeship programs to students.
- Support increased federal investments to meet the physical and digital infrastructure needs of schools, including through robust grant and tax credit bond programs.
- Support increased federal investment for school climate improvement initiatives.
- Support funding for "green" programs including energy efficiency retrofits and construction, replacing school buses with electric or clean-fuel alternatives, etc.
- Provide states and school districts with increased flexibility for meeting accountability and assessment requirements.
- Address the financial impact of federal immigration policies on local school districts by providing continued resources under programs such as the Entrant and Refugee Assistance Program and the English Language Acquisition Program.
- Support funding for paid parental leave for employees.

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA):

- Ensure that resources authorized under the Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant remains consistent with Congressional intent to foster nurturing school environments without compromising the safety and well-being of students, teachers, and school personnel, including not arming teachers.
- Maintain a collaborative local-state-federal partnership to maximize the flexibility in ESSA, and support school districts through technical assistance and compliance resources.

Student Safety:

- Maintain and increase support for programs including those authorized under the Stop School Violence Act, Title IV Student Support and Academic Enrichment Grant, and Safe Routes to Schools.
- Support school safety legislation including ALYSSA Act and the Safer Schools Act.
- Support the EAGLES ACT of 2025, reauthorizing and expanding the National Threat Assessment Center of the Department of Homeland Security.
- Advocate for programs that address emotional and behavioral wellness, school security and student privacy.

Child Nutrition Act:

- Maintain nutrition standards phased in under the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act as supported by students, parents and educators alike.
- Address the issue of summer hunger by expanding the Summer Food Service Program in partnership with local community sponsors.
- Ensure the continued training options for food service professionals.

Head Start:

- Enhance funding for Head Start and appropriate early education standards for Head Start that are aligned with state academic content standards designed to ensure school readiness.
- Support development and expansion of quality voluntary preschool programs while ensuring the adoption of developmentally appropriate early education standards that are aligned with state K-12 academic content standards.