



# Community Priorities



## Well-Rounded Education

- A rich and versatile curriculum including fine arts, physical education, digital and financial literacy, and play
- Middle school with a holistic focus that allows children to learn, provides connections to careers and meets their unique social- emotional needs.
- Teaching Science in a manner that is factual, objective, balanced and accepted by academics in the related field.
- Parent and family engagement supported through programs that accommodate family needs

## Pathways to Student Success and Graduation



- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Support for college and/or career
- Discipline Policies That Are Fair and Allow for Maximum Instruction Time for All
- Multiple Pathways to a Diploma
- Raising High School Graduation Rates

## Teachers and Teaching



- Competitive salaries and benefits for all education employees to attract and retain high quality professionals
- A system for teacher evaluation that is fair, valid and eliminates the use of VAM
- Teachers as leaders in education policy decisions
- Teacher independence and autonomy in the classroom

## Student Health and Safety

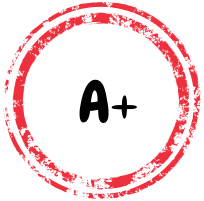


- Support and access to services for the social emotional well-being, physical and mental health of students.
- Learning environments that are safe, well-maintained and provide for optimal instruction
- Professionally trained law enforcement officers responsible for campus safety and security

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## 2019 Community Priorities- continued



### Testing

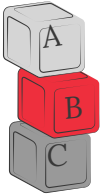
- Elimination of All High-Stakes Tied to Testing
- Reduction of Time Spent and Disruptions Caused by Testing
- Alternatives to Standardized Tests to Demonstrate Proficiency
- Any new tests developed in coordination with new standards must be evaluated for validity prior to implementation and phased in to give teachers and students time for transition.

### Funding



- Per Student Allocation at the National Average
- Funding for Facilities, Maintenance and Capitol Improvements
- Increase Funding for Students and Schools Identified as Struggling
- Funding for School Transportation
- Maintenance of current millage rates for required local effort

### High Quality Early Childhood Education



- Increase Access to High Quality Early Learning Programs for All Children
- Supports for successful transitions from early learning to elementary school.
- Increase Professional Learning Opportunities for Early Childhood

### Education Governance



- Locally elected school boards responsible for all students educated with public dollars.
- Public education programs governed by local school boards as required by the Constitution
- Return the position of Education Commissioner to an elected position on the Governor's Cabinet