

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

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

Testing



- Elimination of All High-Stakes Tied to 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.

Teachers and Teaching



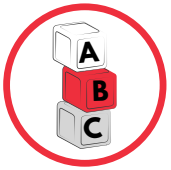
- Competitive salaries and benefits for all education employees to attract and retain high quality professionals
- A system for teacher evaluation that is fair, valid and eliminates the use of VAM
- Teachers as leaders in education policy decisions
- Teacher independence and autonomy in the classroom

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

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.

Student Health and Safety ---



- Limit the number of emergency drills that are psychologically harmful to children required to be conducted at schools
- 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
- Require consultation with mental health professionals and parental notification and transparency before committing a child to a facility under the Baker Act

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