Preparing Georgia’s Students For Life

Georgia Department of Education • Richard Woods, State School Superintendent

Strengthening Instruction and Support for All Students

PRIORITY: Support early literacy by adding funding for Science of Reading-based coaching and professional learning.
PRIORITY: Expand the ‘Return to Work’ opportunity to include retired teachers with reading endorsements or dyslexia endorsements as a statewide high-need subject area.
PRIORITY: Increase funding for therapeutic services and supports for students with disabilities.
PRIORITY: Strengthen the viability of completion special schools that put at-risk students on a path to graduation and success.
PRIORITY: Place a paraprofessional in all kindergarten through second grade classrooms.

Expanding Opportunities for Students

PRIORITY: Establish a pilot to fund high school Career Advisors to assist all students in securing postsecondary success.
PRIORITY: Extend Work-Based Learning Programs into the summer months with funding to increase opportunities for high-school students to gain valuable workplace experience.
PRIORITY: Strengthen kindergarten readiness by expanding access to Georgia Pre-K for families on the waiting list.

Protecting Students and Supporting Families

PRIORITY: Establish line-item funding for school safety.
PRIORITY: Protect parental rights regarding students’ use of social media and technology.
PRIORITY: Protect the rights of parental consent and notification for school health services.
PRIORITY: Support state funding for a one-time property tax credit for Georgia families.

Elevating the Teaching Profession and Strengthening the Teacher Pipeline

PRIORITY: Support a $3,000 pay raise for teachers to build on the raises secured by Governor Kemp and the General Assembly and bring the total teacher pay increase to $10,000 within the next three years.
PRIORITY: Establish a study committee on the compensation of education support professionals.
PRIORITY: Secure a minimum number of personal days for teachers and classified staff.
PRIORITY: Restore funding to increase compensation for educators who earn a leadership degree.
PRIORITY: Strengthen mentoring and support for new teachers.

Funding Public Education

PRIORITY: Fully fund the QBE formula.
PRIORITY: Increase funding for transportation costs and recognize poverty as part of a larger effort to modernize the K-12 funding formula.
PRIORITY: Offset the increase in state health insurance costs for non-certified school employees by increasing funding for insurance to school districts.
PRIORITY: Expand the allowable use of SPLOST funds to include software, subscriptions, and other digital instructional resources.

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