



# St. Johns County School District 2023 Legislative Platform

## **State Funding**

- Support funding to address salary compression created by the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation and minimum wage increase in order to better support and retain veteran teachers and personnel
- Support an increase in the Safe Schools Allocation to implement Alyssa's Law with fidelity and fully fund safe-school officers
- Permit school districts the option to decide locally whether to increase the local capital outlay millage rate to an amount not to exceed two mills to ensure the ability to adequately address growth

## **State Policy**

- Support modification of the Controlled Open Enrollment process to remove the requirement that student capacity be determined by grade level in order to provide increased student opportunity and school choice
- Support the elimination of any penalty or delay for the re-employment of high-quality personnel after retirement under the Florida Retirement System

## **Federal**

- Support legislation that fully funds the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- Support federal infrastructure funding to provide internet connectivity ensuring all students have the access needed to participate in 21<sup>st</sup>-century learning