



Legislative Priorities for 2025

1. PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

- Guarantee adequate, equitable, and sustainable funding for public education.
- Ensure that taxpayer dollars fund only public schools, with no new unfunded mandates.
- Prioritize restoration of funding cuts since the creation of the “budget stabilization factor” and ensure the state budget is never again balanced using funding that should be allocated to public education.
- Utilize the results from the 2025 adequacy studies to increase education funding and update the School Finance Act to reflect the realities of the current costs of educating students.
- Increase resources to retain, compensate, and recruit teachers, student support professionals, and child care providers.

2. ACCOUNTABILITY

- Expand oversight of accountability committees to ensure adherence to statutory requirements for family engagement and transparency.
- Redesign the state accountability system to provide targeted resources to schools and districts that have the highest needs, without punitive or disruptive consequences for low performance such as ceding decision-making authority to private unelected "educational management organizations.”
- Change the educator evaluation law (SB 10-191) to focus on support and improvement rather than rating performance based on statewide mandated testing.
- Uphold and expand requirements for charter school accountability, transparency, and parent engagement.

3. EQUITY

- Advocate for the development, recruitment, and retention of diverse educators, especially Black, Indigenous, People of Color (BIPOC) and other historically marginalized populations.
- Promote policies and practices that dismantle the “[school-to-prison pipeline](#)” and mitigate the use of disproportionate school discipline.
- Dismantle policies and practices that promote student segregation.
- Ensure there is equity among schools and districts regarding instruction and access to classes, technology, translation, mental/behavioral health, and other resources.
- Provide all children, regardless of citizenship status, with access to equitable educational opportunities, health care, and other needed social services.
- Ensure that teaching is factual, inclusive, accurate, comprehensive, and culturally responsive.
- Advocate for laws, regulations, policies, and programs that protect against censorship and book bans and protect free access to information and ideas in schools and public libraries.
- Promote the administration of equitable early childhood programming throughout the state, so that both child care and preschool programs meet the needs of all children.
- Recognize and protect historically marginalized populations—especially BIPOC, individuals with disabilities, LGBTQ+, people experiencing homelessness—from discrimination based upon their identity or circumstances.
- Promote stable housing options for students and educators.
- Increase access to and amounts of tax credits for low-income families.



4. HEALTH, WELLNESS, & SAFETY

- Safeguard children and youth from bullying and violence in all forms, both in person and online.
- Promote gun safety policies.
- Designate resources to prevent suicide, self-harm, and substance misuse.
- Provide funding, support, and resources to help with the physical and mental/behavioral health of students and staff including social emotional learning programs and training on safe de-escalation techniques, trauma-informed care, and positive behavioral interventions and supports.
- Promote and fully fund healthy school meals; expand use of whole, fresh and/or minimally processed ingredients and scratch-cooked meals; and ensure adequate meal time for all students.
- Promote vaccinations recommended by the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices and local public health agencies, as well as any other vaccinations related to new infectious disease outbreaks.
- Support just, equitable policies for a safe, clean, and sustainable environment, including adequate funding for remediation of lead in water.
- Strengthen laws and policies that protect children and youth from the harmful impacts of social media.