



Itemized Priorities for the 88th Legislative Session

Enable public schools to meet students' needs

- Support increasing the Basic Allotment to help keep pace with inflation
- Support increase to the Golden Penny Yield
- Support measures to fund schools based on enrollment
- Support measures to address the Cost of Education--geographic cost differentials and transportation needs for schools
- Support additional funding for school safety and salary increases for teachers and other staff that provides for local school district discretion and decision-making over spending

Control the cost of recapture

- Support efforts to reduce/control the increase of recapture
- Support increase to the Basic Allotment
- Support return of the option for an early payment discount for recapture
- Oppose measures that limit district discretion for how and when to pay recapture
- Oppose measures that increase recapture in any form—M&O, golden pennies, or I&S

Protect the sustainability of public education funding

- Support measured and balanced approach to increased property tax relief that is sustainable over time
- Support measures to protect schools from funding cuts due to loss of Formula Transition Grants, Equalization Grant, or any other measure that could result in a loss of funding
- Support initiatives that look for other sources of state revenue to replace the lost revenue from continued property tax rate compression

Ensure public accountability of public dollars

- Oppose any legislation that proposes private school vouchers in any form
- Support measures that maintain the authority of locally elected trustees to oversee the use of public education dollars
- Support measures that increase transparency over the use of tax dollars for taxpayers
- Support measures that improve the clarity of existing ballot requirements for voters

Preserve local decision-making

- Support measures to protect governance through a locally elected board of trustees
- Support the elimination of unfunded mandates
- Oppose measures that limit local school elections
- Support economic development incentives with local school district discretion to enter into and negotiate the details of such agreements
- Oppose measures that limit school board authority over school district fund balance