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FSBA 2016 Legislative Platform

The Florida School Boards Association (FSBA) submits this 2016 Legislative Platform to assist the Legislature in fulfilling its paramount duty to provide for a uniform, efficient, safe, secure, and high quality system of free public schools that allows students to obtain a high quality education. With this paramount duty in mind, FSBA urges the Florida Legislature to:

- ✧ Halt the practice of using statewide standardized test results for any purpose other than diagnostic purposes;
- ✧ Provide sufficient per student funding to place Florida in the upper quartile nationally and ensure that funding for each categorical allocation within the FEFP is sufficient to cover actual costs, growth, and inflation, and is not reduced by either enrollment or revenue changes during the fiscal year;
- ✧ Restore the authority for school districts to levy, by simple majority vote, up to 2.0 mills for capital purposes, and maintain the current authority of school districts to determine the use of local capital outlay millage revenue;
- ✧ Protect taxpayer dollars by ensuring all schools receiving state funds adhere to the same fiscal and academic accountability measures.

In addition to these priorities for the 2016 Legislative Session, FSBA supports the recommendations regarding the Florida Standards Assessment that were issued by the Florida Association of District School Superintendents as reflected in their press releases dated September 25, 2015 and September 30, 2015.