



Osceola County  
SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2018-2019

## Legislative Priorities

### for Osceola Schools

Osceola Legislative Delegation Meeting  
January 17, 2019



## Osceola's Top Priorities

### 1. Maintain Required Local Effort (RLE)

- Allow the Required Local Effort millage rate to reflect increases in property value as well as new construction, as was the historical practice prior to 2016.
- Osceola's RLE millage rate has decreased by 16.6% since this change in 2016, resulting in \$41.7 million less for Osceola County classrooms over a three-year period as a result of the rollback of the RLE.

### 2. Funding Compression Allocation

- Maintain the provisions for the Funding Compression Allocation provided in the 2018-2019 FEFP to support more equitable resources for students in districts with below average dollars per student.
- For 2018-2019, this allocation is generating an additional \$5,028,020 for Osceola students and has reduced the differential between Osceola and the State average from -4.2% to -3.7%.

### 3. Hurricane Maria Funding

- Provide additional funding necessary to plan for the uncertainty in enrollment for 2018-2019 due to the Hurricane Maria influx of students during the prior year.
- Distribute Federal funds sent to assist students impacted by Hurricane Maria to the School Districts most impacted.

## Focus Should Remain On:

### Safe Schools

- Establish clear lines of authority for safe school activities that are consistent with the responsibilities assigned to local officials.
- Provide additional funding to implement safe school initiatives, including school hardening, mental health outreach, and a law enforcement or school safety officer at each school.

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