

FLORIDA PTA

2011 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

ADEQUATE PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to reverse its recent trend and adequately fund public education to meet the mandate set by the Florida Constitution.

CLASS SIZE REDUCTIONS

PTA supports full funding of the capital, personnel and operational costs necessary to decrease or maintain class sizes under the mandated levels.

PARENTAL CHOICE OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to provide state funds only to publicly operated and tax supported schools thus preserving the concept of public education.

STATE REVENUE LIMITATION

The Florida PTA opposes any tax limitation by constitutional amendment, which would limit the progress being made in attaining the state's goal for education and for programs that promote the welfare of children and youth.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT IN PUBLIC SCHOOL

PTA believes a valid assessment does not consist only of a single test score, and at no time should a single test be considered the sole determinant of a student's academic or work future.

VOUCHERS AND TAX CREDITS

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to impose strict eligibility requirements on private institutions and non-public K-12 school receiving public dollars through any state funded voucher program, and at a minimum, require them to meet the same accountability standards at their cost as public schools.

WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES

The Florida PTA urges the Legislature to require the use of a hands free device with cell phones and ban the practice of texting while operating a moving vehicle.

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