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Board of Education Sets 2022 Legislative Agenda

Athens, Georgia — The Clarke County School District Board of Education adopted its 2022 legislative priorities at the regular board meeting held January 20, 2022.

“Our [2022 Legislative Agenda](#) continues the work from our [priorities set in 2021](#), including the importance of acknowledging that Georgia’s history of slavery and oppression must be taken into account when considering state funding of K-12 education,” states Dr. Mumbi Anderson, board member.

2022 Legislative Priorities

1. **Increasing Support to Title I School Systems.** The board supports expanding funding beyond the state’s Quality Basic Education Act (QBE) formula.
2. **Ceasing the Expansion of Publicly-funded Private School Options.** The board supports the Georgia School Board Association’s (GSBA) call to end the Georgia Private School Tax Credit program.
3. **Increasing Support for Pre-Kindergarten.** The board supports increased funding for Pre-K programs to provide teacher salaries and retirement benefits comparable to the state’s salary schedule for K-12 teachers and increasing assistant teacher salaries.
4. **Improving Teacher Recruitment and Retention.** The board supports maintaining the current structure of the Teacher Retirement System, providing loan forgiveness programs for teachers in high-need schools or high-demand subject areas, and ensuring new teachers have effective mentoring and systems of support.
5. **Improving Postsecondary Enrollment and Completion.** The board supports funding the need-based grant program created in 2018 by the General Assembly, increasing funding for the HOPE Grant program to cover full tuition for students in the Technical College System of Georgia and requiring the Georgia Lottery Corporation to dedicate 35% of its revenue to the Lottery for Education Account.
6. **Fostering Equitable Educational Opportunities for All Students.** The board supports removing barriers for immigrant children raised in Georgia who seek a postsecondary education.
7. **Improving Employee Retiree Benefits.** The board supports increasing state funding of the Public-School Employees Retirement System (PSERS), which covers classified K-12 staff.

“The Clarke County Board of Education continues to work with our state elected officials to improve the educational attainment for all students and the financial wellbeing of our hardworking staff,” said board member Greg Davis.

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