



2023 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES



OSCEOLA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Terry Castillo,
Chairwoman - District 1

Erika Booth,
Vice-Chairwoman - District 5

Jon Arguello,
District 3

Heather Kahoun,
District 4

Julius Melendez,
District 2

SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Debra Pace



Increase funding for the Base Student Allocation to provide districts flexible funds to address salary compression.



Maintain current level of FEFP compression funding



Maintain the current funding level for the Mental Health Allocation Categorical



Support school districts' teacher recruitment efforts by:

- Expanding the eligibility of teacher candidates for advanced degree salary supplements within Section 1012.22(1)(c)3, Florida Statutes by removing the restriction that "A District school board may not use advanced degrees in setting a salary for instructional personnel or school administrators hired on or after July 1, 2011, unless the advanced degree is held in the individual's area of certification and is only a salary supplement."; and*
- Increasing the time permitted for teachers coming from a non-traditional career path to complete requirements from three (3) to five (5) years, and*
- Reduce costs for certification testing and certification renewal*