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**HERNANDO
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

On September 6, 2022, the Hernando School Board voted unanimously to approve the following recommendations for the FSBA 2023 list of legislative priorities:

Hernando School Board:

Gus Guadagnino, Board Chair
Susan Duval, Vice Chair
Kay Hatch
Jimmy Lodato
Linda Prescott

From the HCSB list of legislative priorities:

- Fully fund Transportation costs and allow districts to transport elementary aged students living less than 2 miles from their zoned school.
- Compensate school districts for costs related to significant growth.

From Florida Education Association's 2022 Critical Priorities list:

- Protect the Florida Retirement System without burdening employees with additional costs.
- Respect the rights of people to make decisions locally. Those who know the names and faces of the students are best suited to make decisions regarding their education.

From the Florida School Finance Council recommendations for 2023:

1. Advocate for solutions to increasing salaries for mid-career teachers. Compression caused by the effort to increase new teacher salaries (through the **Teacher Salary Increase Allocation**) risks teachers at the mid-point of their career leaving the profession.
2. Minimize the vacancy crisis without the need for any additional monetary commitment by waiving or shortening the existing reemployment limitations for retirees and adjusting the DROP extension.
3. Provide for an annual increase in the Base Student Allocation commensurate with inflation and cost of living increases, to ensure school systems can meet the rising costs in every aspect of their business.
4. Any proration for 2022-23 should be covered by Florida Legislature in 2023 session
5. Ensure the full cost of the increases expected for the voucher and scholarship programs be accounted for during the 2023-24 budget and that the FTE associated with that projection be transparent.