



PLSAS

2020 Legislative Platform



OUR MISSION IS TO EDUCATE ALL LEARNERS TO REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS CONTRIBUTING AND PRODUCTIVE MEMBERS OF OUR EVER-CHANGING GLOBAL COMMUNITY.

Stabilize Education Funding

- Link the basic formula to inflation to provide a stable and consistent funding stream that allows school boards and administrators to engage in long-range planning.
- Allow locally-elected school boards to renew an existing operating referendum at the same level.
- Increase Special Education and Basic Skills (Compensatory and English Learner) funding to reduce the shortfalls in these important programs and to reduce the Special Education cross-subsidy.

Ensure Safe and Modern School Facilities

- Increase the safe schools levy and make the \$30 million in safe schools aid permanent to provide school districts and intermediate school districts stable funding to support the social and emotional needs of students.
- Expand allowable uses of Long-Term Facilities Revenue to include safety enhancements through security modifications, remodeling and additions to existing buildings.

Enhance Taxpayer Equity

- Increase equalization of the operating referendum, local optional and debt service levies to reduce taxpayer and education funding disparities.