



# **Finance Council Update**

**Olga Swinson, Chairwoman**

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# A Little About the Finance Council

- The Council represents a diverse mix of school districts across the state in terms of size, student demographics, population density, and region.
- All representatives are active finance officers responsible for the financial operations of their respective school districts.
- 21 member Council of Finance Officers
  - 5 small districts (up to 6,000 students)
  - 6 medium districts (6,001 to 30,000 students)
  - 7 large districts (> than 30,000 students)
  - 3 Ex-Officio Members
- Meet at least 4 times per year, serving as an Advisory Committee to Commissioner of Education.

# **Council Priorities for FY 2020**

## ***Priority 1 – Increase Teacher Salaries***

*More Funding is Required to Avoid Major Crisis*

- ❖ Maintain current Required Local Effort (RLE)
- ❖ Redirect \$233 million Best and Brightest Scholarship Program
- ❖ Utilize portion of projected increase in state general revenue

## ***Priority 2 - Adequately Fund Safety Measures***

*Adequately Fund Safety Measures*

- ❖ Increase Safe Schools
- ❖ Double current Mental Health Assistance Allocation
- ❖ Identify ongoing capital revenue stream to fund school campus hardening

## ***State Board of Education Meetings***

## ***Legislative Session***

# Legislation 2019

## ***House Bill 1279***

*Proposed Revised Changes by the Council and Joy Frank*

## ***2019 Session***

*New Governor*

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## ***Institute of Florida School Finance 1<sup>st</sup> Cohort – 20 Participants***

*November 2018*

*February 2019*

*June 2019*

## ***Committee Members***

*Mike Degutis*

*Gretchen Saunders*

*Bonnie Penner*

*Merrill Wimberley*

*Theresa Boston Ellis*

*Susan Farmer*

*Bill Kelly*

*Olga Swinson*

# Fiscal Year 2019-2020

***Need your Input -***

***What would you like the Council to work on?***



**Thank you for your attention**

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Finance Council