



Legislative Priorities 2025

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School Safety

Priority 1

The Georgia General Assembly and Governor have shown strong leadership and commitment to school safety this past year by providing security grants to school districts through H.B. 916. To appropriately respond to the complex and evolving operational needs associated with school safety, we respectfully request the continuation and, if possible, expansion of this funding.

Literacy Coaches

Priority 2

As evidenced by H.B. 538, the Georgia Early Literacy Act, our General Assembly and Governor are committed to improving literacy outcomes for all students in Georgia. This vision was operationalized by placing 60 literacy coaches in elementary schools across 22 districts in Georgia, thereby supporting schools performing in the bottom five percent on the Georgia Milestones. To appropriately meet the needs of Georgia's youngest learners, we respectfully recommend an increase in the number of school-based literacy coaches.

Statewide Assessment

Priority 3

Georgia currently has no statewide literacy assessment until the end of third grade, when all students take the Georgia Milestones. Marietta City Schools recommends that a state-sponsored literacy assessment be implemented in both the first and second grades to complement the state-mandated universal screener. This data will be critically important to informing statewide literacy efforts, as well as guiding educators and families in early intervention and support.

