

2025 Legislative Priorities

Atlanta Board of Education



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- **Purpose** – Set legislative advocacy priorities for the 2025 session of the Georgia General Assembly
- **Roadmap** – Forecasting of upcoming significant legislative and policymaking activity at the state and federal levels of government
- **Administration’s Takeaway**– Understanding of the district’s legislative strategy for the upcoming Georgia General Assembly

Guiding Principles

- Adequate state government support for schools and teachers, through implementation of state policies and allocation of state resources
- Strong public school options
- Support for charter system model, including autonomy, local control and flexibility

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State Funding for Public Education

Key Priorities

- Monitor federal disinvestment in PreK-12 schools and advocate for increased state funding to replace resources (Title 1 funding, MTSS and PBIS programs, supports to students with disabilities)
- Support legislation addressing commercial property digests as a resource for school funding
- Establish state funding for universal free lunch for PreK-12 students



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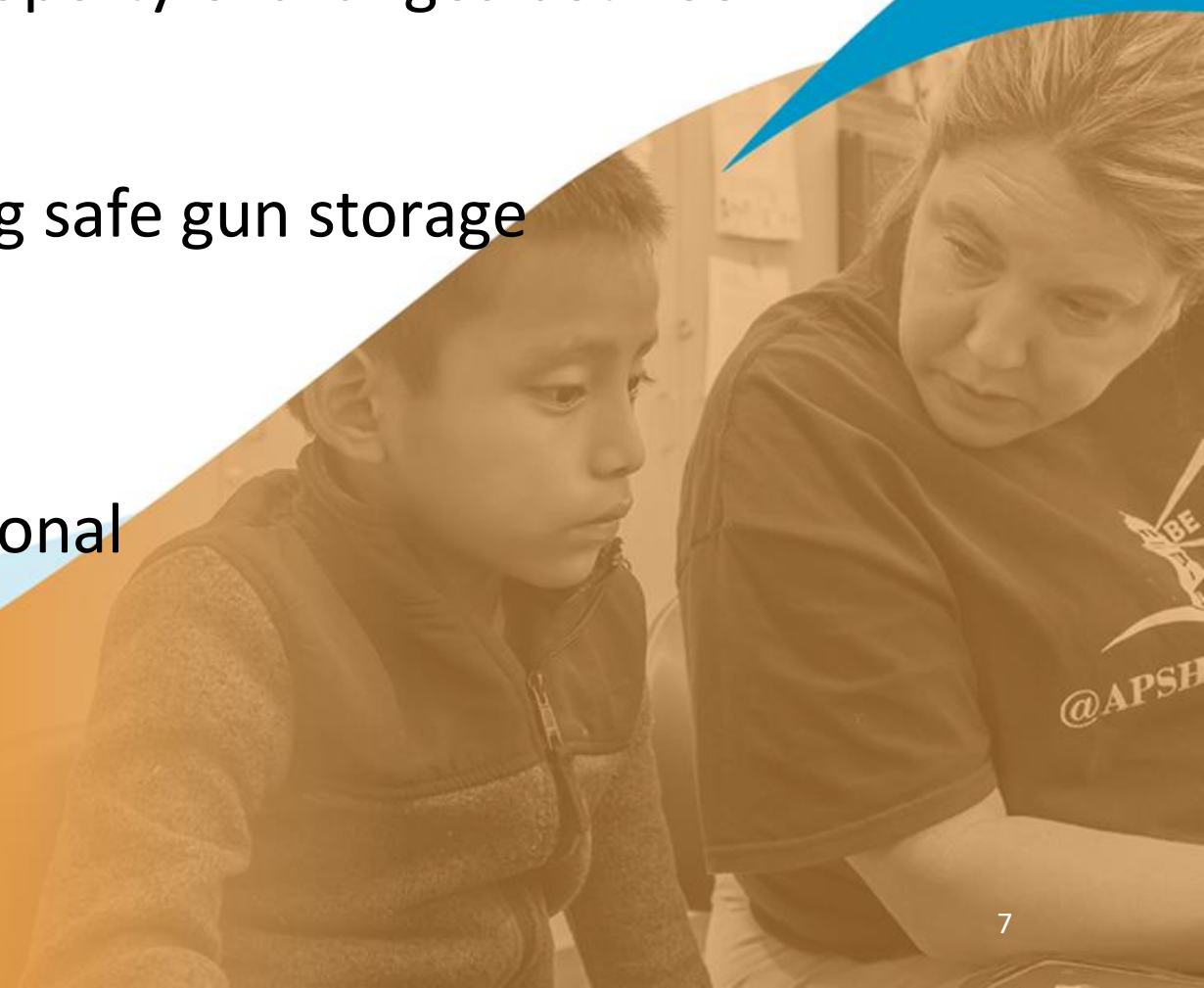
Other funding priorities

1. Provide equitable, student-centered education funding, including continued full funding of QBE; Modernize QBE formula to include poverty weights, additional supports for ELLs
2. Establish dedicated funding of K-12 literacy - instruction, coaching, professional learning and middle and high school literacy remediation
3. Establish state funding for universal pre-K
4. Increase funding to school districts to cover higher health insurance costs for non-certified employees
5. Permanent budget line item for school safety - facilities upgrades, safety personnel, student mental health supports and cybersecurity investments/upgrades)
6. Support to districts for teacher recruitment and retention
7. Modernize funding formulas for school transportation
8. Funding to lower the ratio of school counselors to students

Advocacy on Public Education Policy Issues

Critical Issues

- Support legislation simplifying property exchanges between APS and the City of Atlanta
- Encourage legislation encouraging safe gun storage for families and communities
- Protect the role of local boards of education in selecting instructional and library materials



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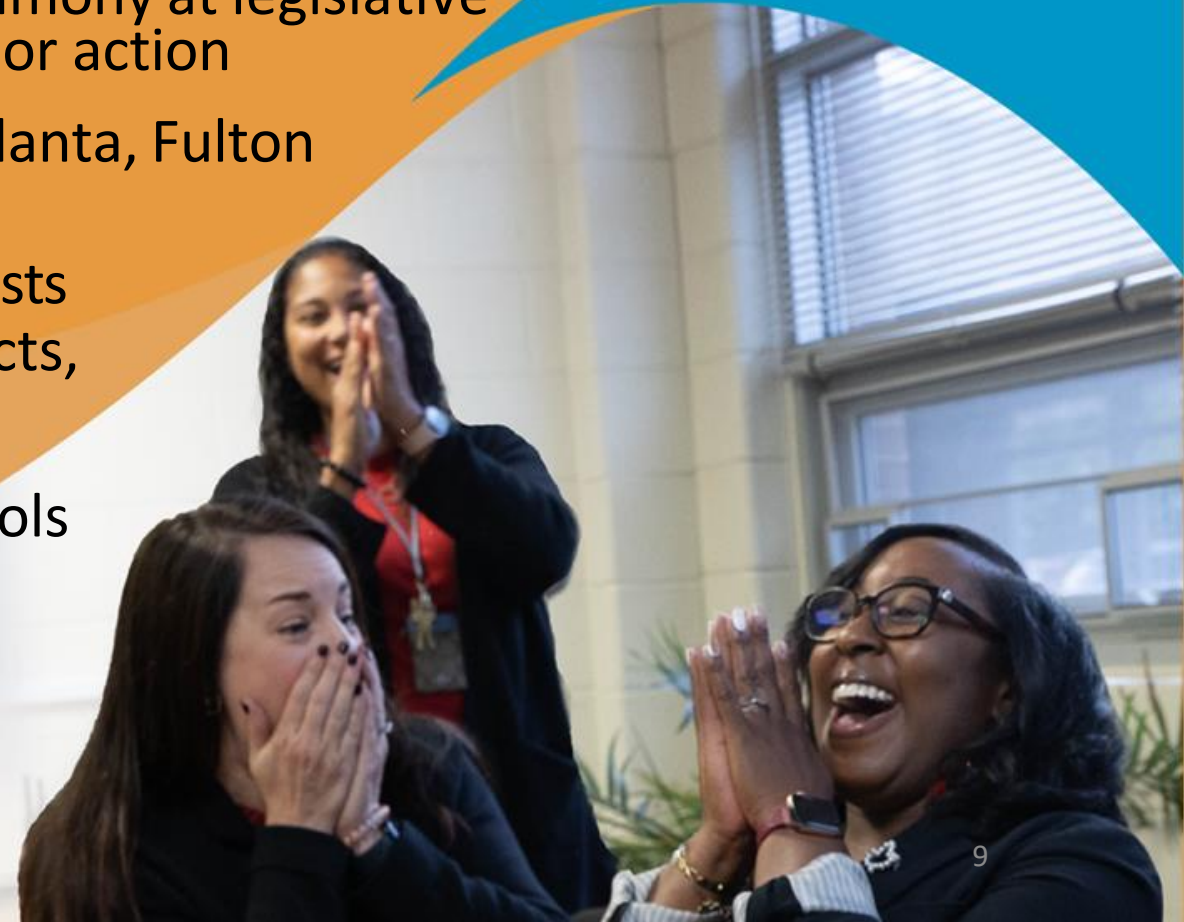
Other policy priorities

- Protect the APS property tax base to support quality instruction for all students
- Advocate for the expansion of Medicaid in order to allow federal reimbursement to districts for health services
- Protect the civil rights of students and school district employees



2025 Government Affairs Presence

- Full-time presence at the State Capitol throughout the 40 day legislative session, including attendance and testimony at legislative hearings and monitoring of House and Senate floor action
- Participation in weekly meetings of the City of Atlanta, Fulton County and DeKalb County delegations
- Close coordination with other lobbyists and activists working on behalf of Georgia public school districts, teacher organizations, students and families
- Collaboration with the Council of Great City Schools and its member school districts with respect to federal education policy, funding and legislation





Board Member questions and feedback