



# HERNANDO SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2024 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM & PRIORITIES

Each year, members of the Hernando School Board work with staff to identify key issues and specific needs that require legislative support from local and state leaders to positively impact outcomes for students.

The 2024 Legislative Platform is the framework of the Board's priorities for the year. The school board will champion each of the needs outlined in their annual list of priorities which serves as the official platform for their annual advocacy.

### PRIORITY NEEDS

1. MENTAL HEALTH ALLOCATION - Protect this vital funding source to ensure school districts can provide students with access to highly qualified mental health professionals.
2. EARLY LEARNING- Increase funding to allow the school district to expand VPK programs to more schools.
3. RECRUIT AND RETAIN STAFF - Waive or reduce the number of months new retirees must wait to return to re-employment with their school district.

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