

Georgia School Boards Association

2017-2018 Legislative Priorities

Education Funding Formula

GSBA urges the General Assembly to require any changes to the education funding formula to be research-based and to generate a funding level that will provide a quality program to all Georgia's public school students.

Expansion of Publicly Funded Private School Options

GSBA opposes any expansion of the programs that directly or indirectly use public funds to pay private school tuition for students.

State Tax Policy

GSBA urges the General Assembly to develop a state tax policy to address the continued erosion of the state revenue base through exemptions from the sales and use tax, income tax and other state taxes. GSBA also urges the General Assembly to create a tax system that is fair, stable, transparent, and yields adequate revenue for the state to succeed in meeting its goals.

Authority Over Local Funds

GSBA urges the General Assembly to reject legislation leading to the erosion of the local tax base and to reject any attempts to usurp the authority of local boards to determine how local funds are used.

Constitutional Authority of School Boards

GSBA urges the General Assembly to align legislative initiatives with state constitutional provisions regarding the control, management, and funding of public schools.