

Georgia School Boards Association

2021-2022 Legislative Priorities

Funding QBE

The FY '20 budget included a \$950 million cut to QBE due to “a temporary projected decline in state revenues” to anticipate a negative impact of COVID-19 on state revenues. With the positive revenue for FY '21, GSBA supports returning to full funding of QBE.

Technology Funding

The General Assembly has tried for several years to strengthen broadband connectivity across the state. The continuing need for that has been shown clearly as students and teachers adapted to extended periods of distance learning. GSBA supports funding for this state priority.

Expansion of Publicly Funded Private School Options

GSBA opposes the creation of any new program or any expansion of existing programs that directly or indirectly use public funds to pay private school tuition for students. GSBA urges the General Assembly to include accountability measures in such programs including financial and policy transparency, performance evaluation measures, and consequences for poor performance.

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.