

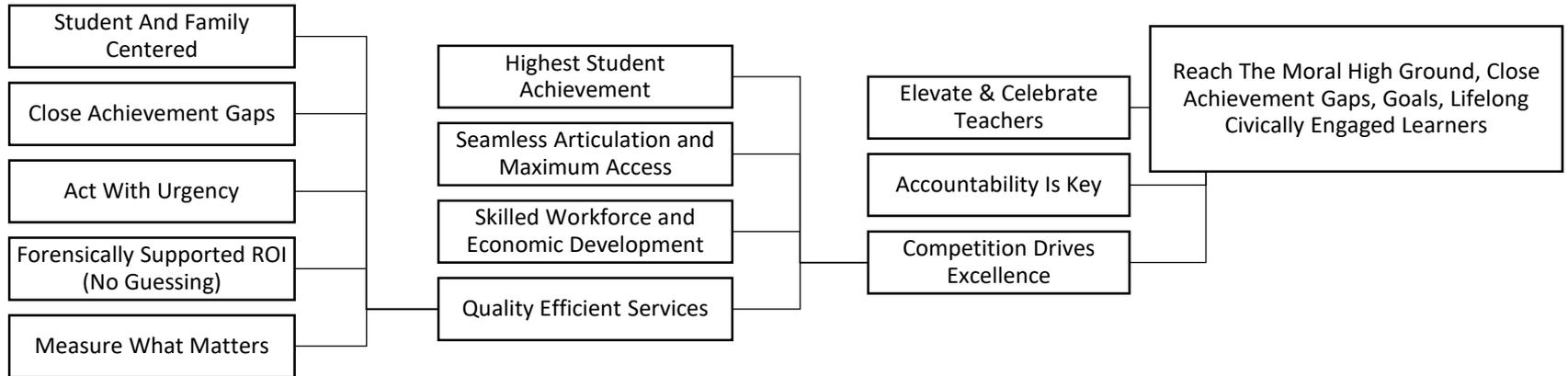


2020 Legislative Review

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Values Alignment



Major Education Investments

HB 5001 General Appropriations Act (GAA)

- **\$21.5 billion** invested for early learning, K-12, vocational rehabilitation (VR), blind services, career and adult education and colleges
- **\$1.4 billion** for Office of Early Learning
 - ✓ **\$9.9 million** increase for Voluntary Prekindergarten, highest Base Student Allocation (BSA) since 2011-12 and first increase since 2014-15
- FEFP total funds increase of **\$641 million**
 - ✓ **\$137** total per student funding increase
 - ✓ **\$40** increase in the BSA
 - ✓ **\$500** million investment to increase teachers' salaries
- **\$1.3 billion** for the Florida College System
- **\$21 million** funding increase for our public and private Historically Black Colleges and Universities, representing a historic total investment of over **\$123 million.**



K-12 Public Schools 2019-20 vs. 2020-21

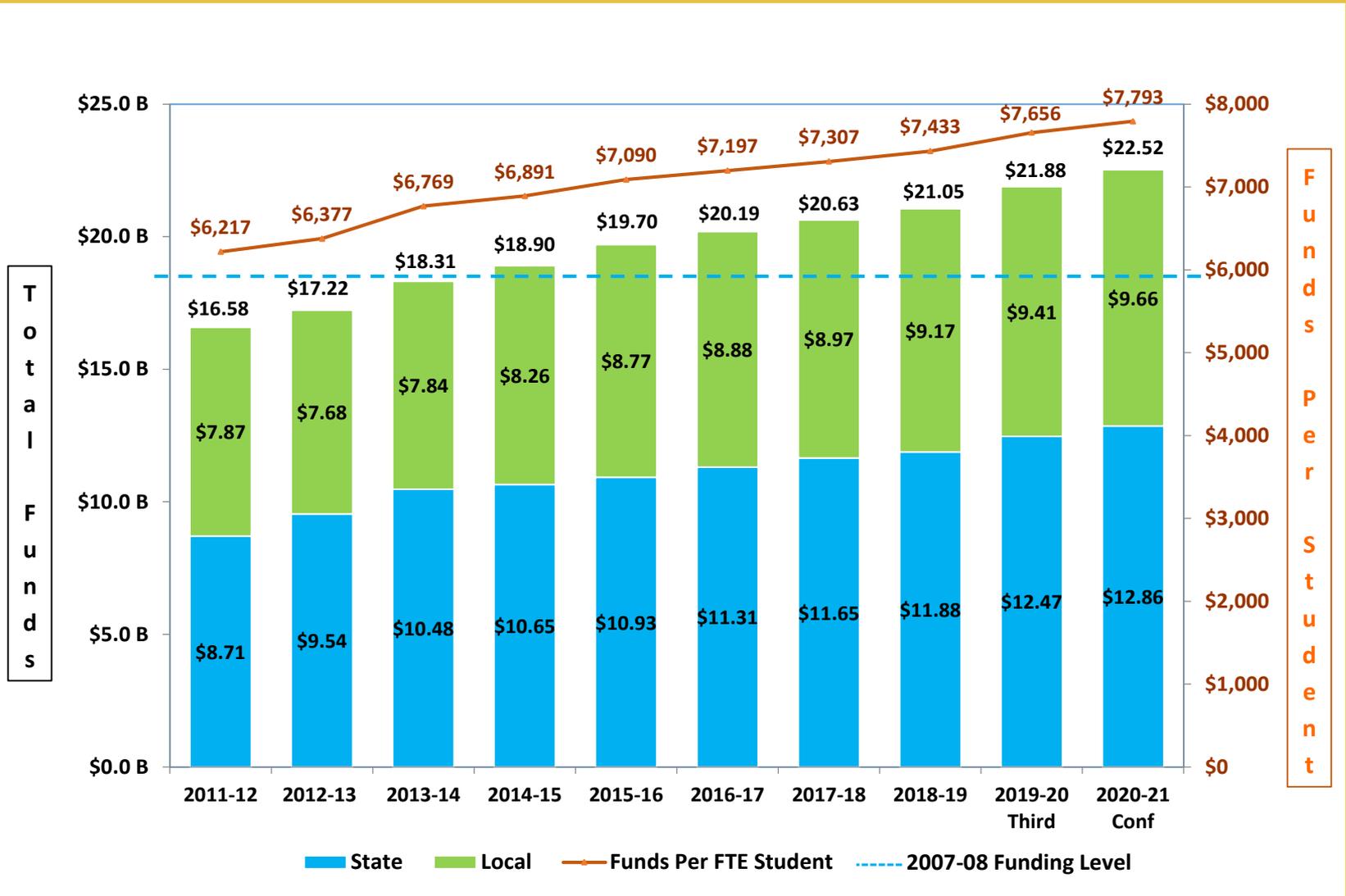
Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP)

	2019-20 FEFP Third Calculation	2020-21 Conference Calculation	Increase	% Increase
Unweighted FTE (UFTE) Students	2,858,138.67	2,890,177.27	32,038.60	1.12%
State and Local Funds	\$ 21,881,800,173	\$ 22,523,184,974	641,384,801	2.93%
Funds Per UFTE Student	\$ 7,655.96	\$ 7,793.01	137.05	1.79%





FEFP Total Funding



2020: The Year of the Teacher

"Our approach to K-12 education rests on (1) recruiting and retaining great teachers, (2) promoting educational choice so parents, particularly low-income parents, can place their child in a good school, and (3) measuring results through accountability,"
- Governor Ron DeSantis

—Teacher Salary Increase

Creates the Teacher Salary Increase Allocation of **\$500 million** and guidelines to solely comply with the requirements of the law to distribute funds that are allocated based on districts' share of the statewide total base FEFP (**HB 5001 & HB 641**)

Who Benefits

- **Step 1:** Full-time classroom teachers (**s. 1012.01(2)(a), F. S.**) plus certified pre-K teachers funded in the FEFP (not including substitute teachers).
- **Step 2:** Teachers from Step 1 who did not receive an increase or who received an increase of less than 2%; other full-time instructional personnel (not including substitute teachers) (**s. 1012.01(2)(b)-(d), F.S.**).

How Funds are Distributed

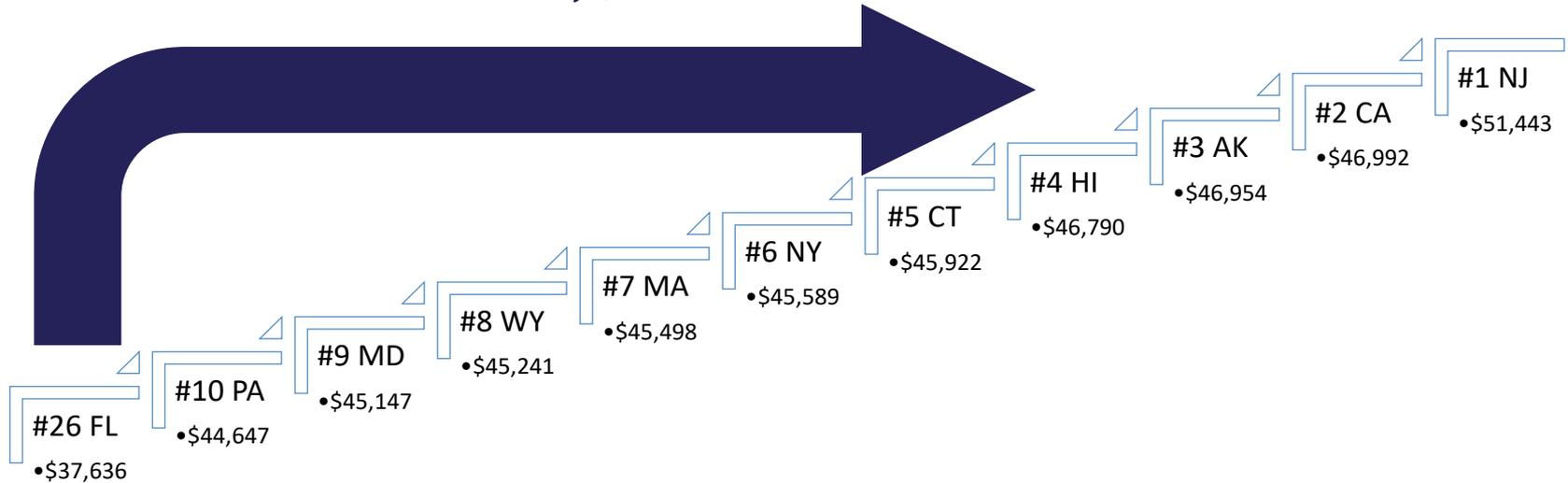
- These funds must be used solely to increase teacher salaries and no collective bargaining agreement can alter this requirement.
- **Step 1:** Requires school districts and charters to use **\$400 million** to increase the salaries of all full-time school instructional classroom teachers to at least \$47,500 or the maximum amount achievable based on the district's allocation.
- **Step 2:** School districts and charters shall use **\$100 million** to provide salary increases to teachers from Step 1 who did not receive an increase or who received an increase of less than 2%; other full-time instructional personnel.



Teacher Salary Increase

Projected to Move Florida From #26 to #5 Nationally in Starting Teacher Pay

**\$400 million for minimum pay
moves FL's average starting pay to
#5 in the nation, \$46K**





Elevating & Celebrating Educators

- Maintaining **\$850,000** to cover all educators with liability insurance (**HB 5001**) - allowing them to focus on doing what matters most – educating and inspiring their students to succeed in life.
- Following the release of Florida’s new Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards, **\$2.7 million** for teacher PD to help our educators become experts and allowing flexibility to establish timeframes for the instructional materials bids (**HB 5001 & SB 641**)



Increasing Education Options for Families

- Expanding access to ensure a world-class education, while continuing to prioritize low-income families, for choice programs like the Florida Tax Credit (FTC) and Family Empowerment Scholarships (FES) **(HB 7067)**
 - Increasing the FES maximum annual enrollment increase to 1% of all public-school students, approximately **29,000 additional students (HB 7067)**
- Committed to our most vulnerable students with unique needs with **\$190 million** to fully fund the Gardiner Scholarship waitlist of **3,600 students (HB 5001)**
- Providing **\$7.6 million** for **15,000 3rd to 5th grade public school students** to access Reading Scholarships Accounts (RSA) to help those students read on grade level **(HB 5001)**





Expanding Florida's Workforce

- For three years, Florida has earned the distinction of being **#1 state for higher education in the country** (US News and World Report); Florida Colleges were appropriated **\$23 million** in funding in a tiered model to create a framework for future success of the nation's best college system (**HB 5001**)
- Continuing investment of **\$10 million** for the Pathways to Career Opportunities Grant to provide high-quality pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship opportunities and **\$10 million** for computer science professional development (**HB 5001**)
- Providing **\$20.5 million** to districts and colleges to offer industry certifications programs and to educate and train a skilled workforce in Florida's diverse labor market (**HB 5001**)
- Allowing students who complete career certificate dual enrollment courses engaging in workforce learning opportunities and adding the Armed Services Qualification Test (ASQT) scores as well as the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) course participation to be included in the school grading calculation (**SB 434 & SB 662**)
- Starting in the 2021-2022 school year, students receiving the Florida Bright Futures Medallion Scholarship will receive 100% of their tuition and fees paid for if they select to attend Florida College System institution (**SB 72**)
- Providing heightened governance and collaboration opportunities for VR and ABLE Trust to support job exploration and workforce readiness training to students with disabilities (**HB 901**)



Increasing Safe & Healthy Learning Environments

- Additional **\$25 million** for the Mental Health Assistance Allocation (**HB 5001**)
- Creating Alyssa's Law, requiring mobile panic alert systems using an **\$8 million** appropriation for all schools (**SB 70 & HB 5001**)
- Helping schools identify signs of emotional disturbance, mental illness, and substance abuse with **\$5.5 million** for Youth Mental Health Awareness while providing educators with the skills to help students experiencing or overcoming these issues (HB 945 & HB 5001).
- **\$180 million** for enhancing school safety measures and **\$42 million** for school hardening grants to improve the physical security of school buildings (**HB 5001**)





Supporting Civic Literacy & Military Families

- Ensuring veterans can earn a degree efficiently by implementing a process to award postsecondary credit for training and education acquired during their military career at all public colleges and universities (**HB 171**)
- Accommodating military families with greater flexibility to register their students in school will give families peace of mind and make their transition easier (**SB 662**)
- Florida Civics and Debate Initiative expands speech and debate programs throughout FL and engaging students in civil discussions with **\$925,000 (HB 5001)**





SBOE Implementation Actions

- Requires the BOG and the **SBOE**, in consultation with the Department of Veterans' Affairs, to create a process for the uniform award of postsecondary credit or career education clock hours to certain service members and veterans of the United States Armed Forces (**HB 171**)
- Requires the instruction on anti-Semitism and Holocaust education standards and the Commissioner's African-American History Task Force submit recommendations on ways to include the 1920 Ocoee Election Day Riots in the required instruction on African-American history to **SBOE (HB 1213)**
- Requires the BOG and the **SBOE** to adopt regulation and rule for the authorization of intercollegiate athletes to earn compensation for the use of their name, image or likeness (**SB 646**)



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