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- ❑ Annually, Florida's Tax Credit Scholarship Program provides more than 100,000 low-income students with scholarships that are funded privately through contributions from corporate donors to non-profit scholarship funding organizations.
- ❑ Economic uncertainty has slowed commitments for contribution renewals, creating doubt about supports for these 100% low-income and 73% minority students.
- ❑ Up to \$30 million will be reserved, if necessary, to ensure these life-altering scholarships are protected for those students who are seeking to renew their existing scholarships.
- ❑ Any unused funds would first supplement the Private School Stabilization Fund before being considered for reallocation elsewhere.



# Scholarships for Low Income and Private School Stabilization Grant Funds

**\$15 Million** (from Governor's Fund)

- ❑ Recent surveys indicate nearly 73% of scholarship participating private schools are seeing declines in re-enrollment compared to 2019; and
- ❑ A nearly identical percentage of private schools have heard from parents who may not be able to pay tuition for the 2020-2021 school year.
- ❑ During the Great Recession, 2008-2009 was a peak in difficulty for private schools, when a net of 121 closed that year due to financial constraints of tuition paying families.
- ❑ In order to avoid such an immediate pressure on schools, this plan would allocate at least \$15 million in reserve for grant funding that private schools which serve student populations of 50% or more state scholarship students can apply for.

# Funding Equity

- ❑ The Education Stabilization Fund requires that LEAs receiving either the Governor's Fund or K-12 Fund provide equitable services to private schools, after consultation, in the same manner as provided for Title I, Part A.
  - ❑ Under Title I, Part A, the LEAs are not allowed to reimburse private schools for expenditures (such as salaries), but must provide services on behalf of the private schools.
  - ❑ Requires that the control of funds and title to property, materials and equipment purchased remains with the LEA.

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