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PAGE 2021 Legislative Priorities

Personalized Instruction

Foster personalized instruction:

- Create learning conditions that support the essential relationship between students and educators.
- Invest in broadband and technology that facilitates learning in classrooms, at home, and other settings.
- Fund locally determined, targeted interventions that address pandemic-related student learning loss.
- Ensure adequate support staff is available to serve students, allowing teachers to focus on teaching.

Mental Health & School Climate

Promote student and educator mental health:

- Increase funding to provide school counselors for all students.
- Enhance access to external mental health supports, including telecommunication and mobile counseling in rural and hard-to-staff districts and collaborations with state agencies and other service providers.
- Support the development of hubs in schools, which can coordinate and leverage community and state resources to meet students' mental health, physical, and developmental needs.
- Ensure educator well-being by protecting planning time and duty-free lunches, and providing mental health supports.

School Funding

Invest in Georgia's public school students and their future:

- Eliminate the \$1 billion austerity cut implemented in the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.
- Do not expand Georgia's two private school voucher programs or establish a third one.
- Institute transparency and accountability measures on Georgia's \$100 million tuition tax credit private school voucher program.

Public Health Transparency

Institute transparency for student and educator health:

- Ensure Georgia Department of Public Health transparency of COVID-19 reporting in schools.