



2018
Legislative
Session



2018 PAGE Legislative Priorities

Education Budget

Attract and retain high-quality Georgia educators by raising educator salaries. Ensure that educator raises are not consumed by healthcare costs and inflation and that pay raises are awarded on the state salary schedule.

Financially support struggling schools, fund the First Priority turnaround effort, and add student poverty funding weight to QBE, ensuring that such funding weight accurately identifies student poverty.

Georgia's Teacher Pipeline

Strengthen Georgia's teacher mentoring program to address the teacher shortage. Compensate mentor teachers and fund professional development for both new teachers and mentors.¹

Strengthen the teacher pipeline to grow Georgia's own teachers by increasing weighted funding for the Teaching as Profession Career Pathway, encouraging high schools to offer the program.

Student Assessment & School Accountability

Oppose efforts to mandate more high-stakes standardized testing in Georgia's accountability plan, particularly with young students.

Promote robust school accountability plans that encompass community needs and incorporate standardized testing along with other evidence of student growth and success.

Citation: 1. Governor Deal's Education Reform Commission Teacher Advisory Committee Report, Page 3.