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## 2019 PAGE Legislative Priorities

### School Safety & Security

Increase resources for school safety enhancement, including infrastructure upgrades, school resource officers, and wrap-around services for students — particularly student services intended to improve mental health and school climate.

### Teacher Pipeline

Strengthen Georgia's educator pipeline by enhancing and protecting the **Teacher Three R's**:

- Recruitment
- Retention
- Retirement

### QBE Update

Update Georgia's school funding formula to reflect 21st century needs. Enacted in 1985, QBE has stood the test of time but lacks key modernizations, including an independent study to examine the real cost of educating Georgia's students, QBE funding weights for student poverty, and a factor for escalating pupil transportation costs.

### Assessment

Design systems that ensure schools are accountable to their local communities. Examine how Georgia's current standardized assessment program serve students. A welcome shift toward assessment flexibility and formative assessment enables teachers to more effectively serve students, but standardized tests are still used to grade educators and schools, a purpose for which the assessments were never intended.