



June 30, 2016

Dear Commissioner Stewart:

On behalf of the school superintendents that make up the Boards of Florida’s three Regional Consortia, we are requesting your support of the following Legislative priorities for the 2017 Legislative Session:

Program

Funding Level

Restore Full Funding for Regional Consortia Services
(\$50,000 per eligible district as established in F.S. 1001.451)

\$1,750,000.00

FloridaLearns STEM Scholars

\$1,900,000.00 to expand participation opportunities in FloridaLearns STEM Scholars to all students in participating high schools

Full Funding for Sparsity in the FEFP

According to formula

Special Facilities

Funding for all the 2017-2018 recommended projects

Student Health & Safety

Acquire funding from other appropriate state governmental agencies for mental health services, school nurses, school resource officers, and related measures to ensure the safety of all students.

We, the three executive directors of Florida’s Regional Consortia, have collaboratively identified the critical needs of our member districts. Your support for these initiatives will greatly assist student performance in the districts we serve.

Should you need to contact us for any additional information, please feel free to do so at any time.

Sincerely,

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cc: Governor’s Office