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## **Florida Superintendents Applaud Increased K-12 Funding**

Tallahassee, FL – The Florida Association of District School Superintendents (FADSS) recognizes and appreciates Senate President Wilton Simpson, House Speaker Chris Sprowls and the Senate and House Appropriations chairs for their commitment to education. Florida’s superintendents are dedicated to the educational success of each and every student, and the 2022-2023 Florida Education Finance Program (FEFP) funding for Florida’s public schools will assist in achieving that success.

Possibly the most notable FEFP item that shows the Legislature’s commitment to prioritizing quality public school education is a \$214 per Full Time Equivalent (FTE) student increase in the Base Student Allocation (BSA) to assist school districts in addressing increased costs and wages. This BSA increase is greater than the BSA increases of the past 5 years combined.

“Whether it is job creation or quality of life; it all hinges on a good, sound, public education system and sufficient funding is crucial to that success,” states FADSS Chief Executive Officer and former Florida Senator Bill Montford. “The budget approved during the 2022 Legislative Session clearly demonstrates our states commitment to ensuring that every student has equal opportunities to a high-quality education.”

Furthermore, the additional \$1.4 billion in total FEFP funding will help to address critical issues such as student mental health, school safety, reading, teacher salaries, and transportation. Overall, the 2022-2023 FEFP provides historic funding for Florida’s public schools with total per student funding exceeding \$8,142.

“Florida superintendents are grateful for this historic education funding which will help address the significant increases in fuel and other fixed operating costs related to running Florida’s 67 school districts,” states FADSS President and Citrus County Schools Superintendent Sandra “Sam” Himmel. “We look forward to continuing to work together with future Legislatures to ensure continued equitable funding for Florida public schools.”

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