

An aerial photograph of the Tennessee State Capitol building, a large neoclassical structure with a prominent dome, surrounded by green lawns and trees. A large, thin blue circle is superimposed over the image, framing the text. The text is in white, bold, sans-serif font.

# **DRAFT 2022 LEGISLATIVE AGENDA**

## **JEFFERSON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Board of Education Meeting  
October 26, 2021

# COVID-19 Relief & Mitigation

JCPS supports legislation extending the following provisions of SB1 from the 2021 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature (extension through at least June 30, 2022):

- Flexibility in attendance data for the purposes of calculating the upcoming year's SEEK calculation.
  - Increasing the critical shortage position to 10%.
  - Staffing flexibilities
  - School calendar flexibilities for the FY22 school year.
  - 20 days of remote instruction in addition to the 10 NTI days allowed statutorily.
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JCPS supports legislation that would:

- Allow 20 remote instruction days per school
  - Additional 10 NTI days for COVID-19 reasons only
  - Allow districts to choose to have staff report for duty from their home office during remote instruction/NTI
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JCPS opposes legislation that would take away or overturn local school board decision-making related to COVID-19 mitigation and public health efforts.



# FUNDING

JCPS supports legislation to adequately fund the public education system as required by the Kentucky Constitution and as further explained in *Rose v. Council for Better Education* (1989):



- Consistent rate increase for SEEK
- SEEK Transportation
- All-day Kindergarten & Universal Pre-K
- Pensions
- Retiree health insurance
- Learning and Results Services (LARS) programs, including textbooks and professional development
- Teacher recruitment and retention
- State agency schools
- National Board Certified Teachers
- Advanced Placement, International Baccalaureate
- Gifted and Talented
- Local revenue generation flexibility



# SCHOOL PRIVATIZATION

JCPS opposes any use of state tax revenue or exclusion of anticipated revenue that would divert funding away from public schools, including schemes like vouchers, tuition credits, tax credits, and funding for charter schools.

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# EQUITY

- JCPS opposes legislation that would ban the teaching of historically accurate facts and infringe on student's First Amendment rights.
- JCPS supports legislation to ensure the membership of a district's Superintendent Screening Committee generally reflects the racial and ethnic composition of the student population the district serves and includes at least one student representative on the committee.
- JCPS supports legislation that would work toward increasing culturally relevant curriculum in schools, with emphasis on expanding curricula beyond Euro-centric perspectives. JCPS also supports legislation that would provide for quality implicit bias training for staff.





# ACCOUNTABILITY

JCPS urges the legislature to call upon the Kentucky Department of Education to submit a waiver to the US Department of Education that allows FY21 accountability test results to be used for progress and intervention measures, but not for high-stakes decision making.

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# REDUCING BOARD MEMBER BURDEN

JCPS supports legislation to amend KRS 161.765 to allow appeals for demotions to be heard by the superintendent or his/her designee instead of the board of education to align with KRS 160.370 and 160.380 giving express powers for all matters of personnel to the superintendent.

JCPS supports legislation that would allow the superintendent or his/her designee to hear appeals for students regarding placement in alternative school settings. This would alleviate administrative burden on board of education members.



# STUDENT PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH

JCPS supports legislation that would discourage students from using tobacco products, alternative nicotine products, or vapor products.

JCPS supports legislation that would increase access to mental health supports for students, including additional set aside funds for licensed mental health service providers for schools that allows districts to take advantage of Federal Medicaid dollars through the Free Care waiver.







# Questions?

THANK YOU