

Presentation to

Joint Legislative Committee on Finances and Budgets FY 2020



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Spending on the Classroom



Priorities for K12 Growth

FY20 Classroom Instructional Support

	Current	Proposed
• Student Materials	\$536/unit	\$600/unit
• Technology	\$300/unit	\$350/unit
• Library Enhancement	\$96/unit	\$200/unit
• Professional Development	\$90/unit	\$100/unit
• Textbooks	\$70/ADM	\$75/ADM



Priorities for K12 Growth

School Safety and Security

Goal is \$30 per student to provide for:

- School Resource Officers (SROs)
- Mental Health
- Cameras and access point monitoring
- Locks and locking mechanisms
- Emergency response technology



Priorities for K12 Growth

Divisors/Smaller Class Size

Grade Span	Current	Proposed
K-3	14.25	14.25
4-6	21.03	20.43
7-8	19.7	19.7
9-12	17.25	17.25

Adds roughly 240 teachers statewide to upper elementary grades.



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English Language Learners (EL)

Current EL allocation comes to about \$130 per student. Alabama has more than 25,000 EL youth and this amount would bring the total allocation to almost \$400 per EL student.



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Special Education Preschool

Currently, preschool special education (beginning at age 3) is funded by the state at a fraction of actual costs; This would relieve pressure on local funding, so more can be spent in the K12 Special Needs Program.



Supporting the Teaching Profession



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National Board Certified Teachers (NBCT)

Expanded scholarships so all teachers would be eligible to apply for scholarship funds; stipends would be increased incrementally as needed, and are included in this line item.



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Literacy/Reading

Reinvented ARI model will offer strong support to all schools; regional expertise and support to system reading specialists and principals; specific strategies for dyslexia with multi-sensory lessons, professional development and support.



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Numeracy/Mathematics

AMSTI increase will be focused primarily on high-quality professional development for the new *Alabama Course of Study: Mathematics*.



Developing the Workforce



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Career Technical Education (CTE)

Continue to grow Career Tech Initiative, including career coaches and providing credentialing opportunities for CTE students.



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Computer Science (CS4AL)

Continue to expand capacity for coding, computer science, AP computer science courses, etc. in all schools throughout the state.



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Jobs for Alabama Graduates (JAG).



Expand programs across the state as well as ALSDE support level.



Investing in our Schools



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Other Current Expense (OCE)

To support utilities, O&M supplies, and other necessary expenditures.



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Transportation

- Increases to both operations funding and fleet renewal
- Fleet renewal at \$7,985 per bus to encourage replenishing an aging fleet.



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Nurses

Currently, local systems are putting \$35 million into school nurses (not including those paid from Federal sources).



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“1%” Salary Line

In 1997, when the Legislature amended the Foundation Program to require 100% of salary matrix go directly to teachers, they set aside a “1% to 2%” requirement to cover these costs.

