

2014-15 LEGISLATIVE REQUEST

We respectfully request that the Florida Legislature appropriate \$6 million for the School District Education Foundation Matching Grant Program. All funds will be matched \$1 for \$1 by private-sector contributions through the local education foundations in Florida's county-wide school districts. In addition to the priority areas below, we propose during this critical time in the development of statewide education standards that two more areas be added: Digital Learning and Florida Standards Implementation (including teacher professional development and community engagement).

In 2012 - 13, more than 150 locally-developed projects were implemented in these six key priority areas across Florida.



Support for Low-Performing Students

Indian River County's *Quick Response Classroom Grants* improved reading scores for 63% of participating low-performing students.



Literacy

Hardee County's *The Idea Box* program resulted in a 14% increase in reading comprehension of middle school participants.



STEM Education

Hamilton County's *Classroom STEM Program* improved student performance in STEM areas by 10-20%.



Career/Technical Education

Hillsborough County's *INVEST Program* resulted in 41% job placement of participants in industry certification programs.



Increasing Graduation Rates

Palm Beach County's *Mission Graduation* program saw 71% of high-risk, senior students graduate from high school.



Teaching Quality

Broward County's *Teacher Grants* program resulted in 90% of recipients implementing improved classroom learning strategies.